



'Lowak Shoppala' actors and contributors accept applause following the production's final performance. 'Lowak' is a Chickasaw production that showcases the culture and spirit of our tribe. Two performances of 'Lowak' were presented in November at the Hallie Brown Ford Performing Arts Center in Ada.

Chickasaw production 'Lowak Shoppala' showcases culture, draws big crowds

ADA, Okla. - More than 2,000 people showed their appreciation for "Lowak Shoppala" with thunderous standing ovations during the historic world premiere performances of the production of Chickasaw culture and history.

More than 1,000 people packed the Ataloo Theater in the Hallie Brown Ford Performing Arts Center on the campus of East Central University for both weekend performances.

"This extraordinary production was a marvelous method of showcasing the unique aspects of Chickasaw culture, heritage and spirit," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "This is an excellent ex-

ample of the great things that can be accomplished through the cooperative efforts of many members of the community. Everyone involved in this production did an incredible job."

Renowned Chickasaw artists Jerod Tate, Linda Hogan and Margaret Roach Wheeler, were at the heart of the production.

"Being at center stage for a show like this is really gratifying because I feel I'm helping bring people together in a way that's entirely positive," said Mr. Tate. "My desire is to be a good commu-

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WWII, Korea vets visit Arlington

WASHINGTON, D.C. - A cold rain fell on Arlington National Cemetery on this gray November 12 as four Chickasaw World War II veterans took part in the somber ceremony of placing a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Murray Dale Colbert, of Shattuck, Okla., who served as a

Sergeant First Class in the U.S. Army, was left speechless.

Don Anderson, of Colorado Springs, Colo. served in the Merchant Marine as a Master Sergeant in the South Pacific. He said "it was a great honor and a very emotional" experience to be part of the ceremony.

"I watch in amazement every time I see that," said Mr. Anderson. "But to see the surroundings, to see all these white stones - to get up there and be a part of it, that was truly, truly amazing."

Gordon Vann, of Kingston, Okla. served as a U.S. Army Air

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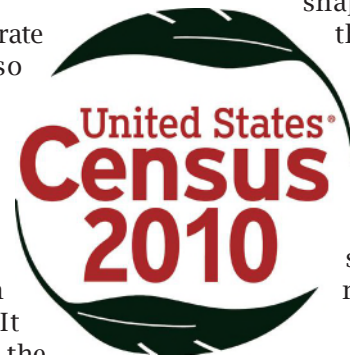
2010 Census a key event

The 2010 U.S. Census is fast approaching. The Chickasaw Nation has made a commitment to help ensure the census count is as complete as possible.

Why is an accurate census count so important?

The census population totals determine which states gain or lose representation in Congress. It also determines the

amount of tribal, state and federal funding communities receive over the course of the next 10 years. The facts gathered in the census also help shape decisions for the rest of the decade regarding public health, neighborhood improvements, transportation, education, senior services and much more.



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Season's Greetings

Season's Greetings and warmest holiday wishes to all Chickasaws!

We give thanks for the many blessings that have been bestowed upon us, particularly our families, our friends and our tribe.

We share a very special history that makes us keenly aware of the goodness of God. The Chickasaws who preceded us struggled mightily and encountered seemingly impossible obstacles. We have reaped the harvest of many, many wonderful Chickasaw lives because of their faith and perseverance.



Gov. BILL ANOATUBBY

We extend special holiday wishes to all our men and women serving in the military. We pray for your safety and your happy return home.

Season's greetings go out to our Chickasaw veterans who served our country so honorably; to our treasured Chickasaw elders who add so much richness to our lives; to our Chickasaw families who may prayerfully become closer during this special season.

Let us remember in our prayers those who have trouble in their lives and those for whom there is no one to share this season. Our prayer is to promote peace by helping our fellow man whenever we have that opportunity.

The season of peace and fullness of spirit is upon us!

God bless you, your family and our beloved tribe.

Bill Anoatubby

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Sixteen Chickasaw veterans celebrated Veterans Day with a five-day trip to Washington, D.C. Pictured in front of the U.S. Capitol are, front row from left, Nathaniel Thomas (seated) Bryan Spivey, John Edwin Anderson, Henry A. Kale, Donald D. Anderson, Howell M. Orr and Jim Babe Gause. Second and third rows from left, Rogers Hornsby Gardner, Tom D. Knight, Waymon M. Brown, Gene A. Anoatubby, David E. Adcock, Richard D. Jennings, Leon Edwards, Gordon P. Vann and Murray Dale Colbert.

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The U.S. Census is taken every 10 years, as set out by the U.S. Constitution. The goal of the 2010 Census is to count all residents living in the United States on April 1, 2010. The 2010 Census asks for name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship, and whether you own or rent your home. All responses are strictly confidential.

More information about the

2010 Census and how the census affects the programs and services in the Chickasaw Nation will be featured in future issues of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation Web site at www.chickasaw.net.

For more information, visit the 2010 Census Web site at www.census.gov/2010.

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Four Chickasaw World War II veterans lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C., Nov. 12. From left are Murray Dale Colbert, Nathaniel Thomas, Gordon Vann and Don Anderson.

Corps Staff Sergeant on Tinian Island in the South Pacific. He said it was a "great privilege" and something he will remember the rest of his life.

Nathaniel Thomas, of Blanchard, Okla., served as a Seaman First Class in the U.S. Navy. He said the chance to honor all those represented by the Unknown Soldier "was the greatest point in my life."

He added that he appreciated the chance to honor all those who "paid a great price for the liberty we enjoy."

Each of these four World War II veterans, along with 12 Korean War-era veterans, celebrated Veterans Day in Washington on a trip sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation in appreciation for their service.

"Each of these veterans made great personal sacrifices to defend family, fellow citizens, our freedom and our way of life," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "Because they placed the good of country above their own desires, they helped make this world a much better place. We could never repay the debt we owe, but we want them to know that we are profoundly grateful for their service."

The veterans spent five days and four nights in Washington, arriving the afternoon of November 9. During a November 10 visit to the U.S. Capitol, several members of a group made it a point to thank each of the veterans for his service. It was a scene repeated several times during the visit.

Most of the veterans on the trip commented that it meant a great deal to have people they had never met thank them for their service.

Other highlights of the trip included a visit to the World War II Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, FDR Memorial, National Museum of the American Indian and the National Museum of American History.

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Hear veteran interviews online

Many of the veterans who made the trip to Washington, D.C., shared stories of their military experiences during videotaped interviews. Portions of these interviews will be available online at www.chickasaw.net.

Interviews will also be archived for later use by those interested in researching Chickasaw history.

By the Numbers

\$3,000,000,000,000 (three trillion dollars) - Total federal money that will be allocated to tribal, local and state governments over the next 10 years based on 2010 Census data.

10 years - The U.S. Constitution mandates a census of

the population every 10 years. The last census was completed in 2000.

10 - Number of questions on the 2010 Census form.

10 - Number of minutes it takes for the average household to complete the 2010 Census.

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The Chickasaw Dance Troupe performs during the production of "Lowak Shoppala."

nity member. And that's what I'm hoping I'm achieving when I'm up there conducting."

Mr. Tate said people were "really excited" about the performance.

"I'm really, really proud because I got a hug from Pauline

Brown," he said with a chuckle, adding "Pauline said she gives me two A's."

Margaret Wheeler said she was overwhelmed by the warm response of the audience.

"I believe they were as moved by 'Lowak Shoppala' as Jerod, Linda and I were in creating this production," she said. "It truly was a labor love and I believe the audience understood our devotion to the project.

"I was moved by some of the comments from parents about their children's response to the production. One child said 'I want to be in a clan,' and the parent told him he already was. I was told that a young man who had not taken much interest in traditional ways was impressed and question-

ing. This is the audience that is so important to reach. How wonderful it is to teach about our heritage with poetry, music and art."

Linda Hogan said she was very fortunate to be in the audience.

"From what I have heard, people said it was the best performance they had ever seen," she said. "I believe it, too. I watched it twice and I was touched and my heart was moved by it. Every single part of it was perfect and it spoke to Chickasaw people, and for Chickasaw people."

Presented by the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities and East Central University, the production included the Chickasaw Dance Troupe, Chickasaw Children's Chorus, Oklahoma Youth Orchestra and dancers from Cara Crawford's Central OK Dance studio.

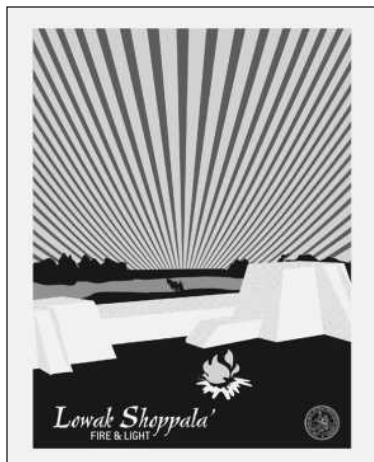
Prior to the performance, East Central University President John Hargrave said he was very pleased to partner with the Chickasaw Nation to present the performance. He spoke of the significance of the production being presented in the Ataloo Theater, which was named for a renowned Chickasaw performer. He added that the positive relationship between ECU and the Chickasaw Nation dated back nearly a century and that he expected it to continue far into the future.

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Daniel Walker portrays a Chickasaw clan chief during the production of "Lowak Shoppala."

'Lowak Shoppala' DVD and art work available



Professional DVDs of the performance of "Lowak Shoppala" are available by special order for \$5 each through Dec. 31, 2009.

Commemorative "Lowak Shoppala" artwork silk screens are also available.

To order, contact the Division of Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or drop by the Division offices at 210 E. Main Street, Ada. Payment will be accepted at the time of order via cash, check or credit card. The price of the DVD will increase after Dec. 31.

Lowak Shoppala' (fire and light) aptly named

A hush fell over the audience Saturday night after the announcement that "Lowak Shoppala" would soon begin. Even the children and teenagers stopped their chatter and turned their eyes toward the stage in anticipation.

Each audience member, from the infant to the elder, seemed to sense he was about to see, hear and experience something completely new - that some great lost truth would soon be unearthed.

Feelings of expectancy and exhilaration pervading the theater seemed to hint at the emotions Chickasaws must have felt thousands of years ago as they gathered around the fire to hear stories from the keepers of wisdom and knowledge.

As the curtain opened, expectations of the audience were met with an entirely

new experience of sight and sound which exceeded their wildest hopes as it transported the audience to ancient times and secret places.

This unique combination of music, dance, poetry and costumes conveyed the spirit and essence of Chickasaw heritage and culture by simultaneously reaching the intellectual, emotional and spiritual core of each person in the theater.

While any one individual may have difficulty defining the meaning or message they took from the experience, it was impossible to leave unmoved.

Jerod Tate, who wrote the music for the production, said those he spoke with after the performance were "really excited," but also "still trying to digest" something which did not fit into any modern genre.

He added that he himself was still trying to find the words to define the production.

"Lowak Shoppala" does not fit easily into any preconceived category. It is not a Broadway-type combination of music and actors on a stage. It is much more than music and dance.

While it might be defined as a combination of the fine arts of music, poetry and dance, "Lowak Shoppala" is an incredible example of the gestalt or synergistic principle that the whole becomes greater than the sum of its parts.

"Lowak Shoppala" is aptly named, because the fire and light of this production is burning with emotion which warms the spirit and illuminates the mind.

We can be thankful for our sovereign tribe

As 2009 draws to an end, many of us will wave it a welcome goodbye! Economic downturn, lost jobs, homes lost or devalued, shrinking dollars, investment and retirement funds... All of us have been affected by the recession in one way or another. And if you or a loved one is still serving overseas, it almost seems inappropriate to complain about the economy! What sacrifice and true servitude to our country and at the ultimate cost when they do not return.

This past year, I also lost my hero, my father, and placed my aging mother in an assisted living facility.



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After also losing my brother David the previous summer to cancer, sometimes it is easy for me to walk around with a heavy heart, and one that is very discouraged and worries about tomorrow.

It is those times that I make myself stop and re-focus on the blessings in my life. I remind myself that I must always try to live in the present, not dwell on the past or future but live in today.

Today, I have much to be thankful for. Today, I have three healthy children, a nice roof over my head, food in the pantry and the best job I could ever hope for. Elected by you and serving on the Chickasaw Legislature is something I am

very thankful for. Our tribe remains strong and economically viable due to the diligence and collaboration of many dedicated people.

My part in this is to make sure our efforts reach out to every Chickasaw in providing the best opportunities and support to reach their goals in life, whatever they may be. You are important to your tribe! It is for your benefit that we exist as a sovereign nation.

So as we close out a tumultuous year as citizens of the United States, remember that you are also a citizen of the unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation! And I wish you many blessings of the day wherever you are.

Court Advocate services now available for tribal citizens

Court Advocate Services are now available in Ardmore, Ada, and Purcell to assist Native Americans with their legal problems.

To make an appointment call 1-800-479-1459.

This is a service provided by the tribal court system.

Chickasaw music, dance and drama

It is hard to believe that 2009 is about to end. The last days of this year brought memorable events. The Indian taco sale at Pauls Valley was like grand central station. People everywhere, incredible choices of desserts and smiling faces! That evening, the Achille Senior Center hosted an Indian taco sale, also. My husband and I invited another couple to meet us there for dinner. They mentioned several times about the good food and how friendly everyone was. What they experienced was a dose of Chickasaw hospitality!

Lowak Shoppala' was another exciting event.



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The classical and traditional Chickasaw musical, dance and drama performance was moving. So many talents pooled together. Thank you to Mr. Jerod Tate, Margaret Roach Wheeler and Linda Hogan for collaborating. The participation by the Dance Troupe, children's choir and many others was also a vital part in making this production a success.

As we approach a new year, here are two options that we can consider: To look back and think on those things that could have been or to look forward with anticipation to a new year and a new beginning. All of us have made year end resolutions and succeeded in some but failed at others. Even

in times of trials and heartaches we grow in faith and perseverance.

2010 is a great opportunity to start fresh and achieve goals that have only been dreamed about. As I have heard many times and you probably have too, "it is a great day to be Chickasaw!" Look forward to meeting the new challenges that the New Year holds. Let me encourage each of you to find your place in the Chickasaw family.

Yokokay (thank you)

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. II Corinthians 5:17

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Nora Magdelene Montgomery and Claudie "Corkey" Somers, at the Pauls Valley Taco Sale.

Our Chickasaw health care is always improving

Hello Everyone,
It is an honor for me to have been selected as the Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee for FY2010. Providing quality health care is a major part of my life and I am passionate about it. I pledge to my colleagues and the Chickasaw people to do my best in making decisions about health care and in providing information about the Division of Health through this column every month.

The holidays are upon us and we as Chickasaws have much to be thankful for! The annual Elders Thanksgiving lunch and bazaar was held recently, which created a forum to enjoy fellowship and great food. It is always special to see our elders engage in so many activities and impart their knowledge to us through their many areas of expertise and knowledge.

Construction on the new hospital is still on schedule and administrator Dr. Judy Goforth Parker and her staff are doing an excellent job of planning for the new opening.

Preparations are already underway to make the transition from the old facility to the new one as seamless as possible. "Patient safety and comfort is always a priority during a major move like this one, and every department in the hospital is engaged in the planning" said Lisa Bumpas of the Carl Albert Hospital administrative office.

Dr. Parker and her team are busy dealing not only with the daily task of our healthcare system, but with other critical events like seasonal influenza management, H1N1 (Swine Influenza) preparation and management and following all of the healthcare reform initiatives that could have an impact on our Nation.

Preston Hucks, M.D. will be joining the Internal Medicine department at Carl Albert. Dr. Hucks has practiced medicine for over 10 years and began seeing patients on November 30. Another addition to the medical staff is Trudi Freeland, ARNP. Trudi is a board certified Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner and has practiced medicine for 10 years. She began seeing patients in the Same Day Clinic November 13.

During October, 2009, there were 390 internal medicine patient visits, 1427 emergency room patient visits, 830 pediatric visits, 2,696 same day clinic visits, 3,700 family practice visits inclusive of satellite clinics, and 48 deliveries. There were 456 general surgery visits and 298 actual surgery cases performed. It is impressive to see the total number of encounters occurring through our healthcare system and how blessed we are to have these valuable services available.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and remember our men and women in uniform because not all will be able to travel home to share Thanksgiving and Christmas with their families.

Thank you,
Connie Barker, Pickens District Seat 2



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A great time to be a Chickasaw citizen!

Greetings, Everyone!
It is the Season – Both to count our blessings and to be enormously grateful for them. Here in the Chickasaw Nation the list is long. Frequently it is on my mind how far we have come in just a few short years and it is awe inspiring.

The services to our Seniors are many, and while there may always be something else that could be added, we already offer services that do so much to enhance the quality of life. Not only do we help with the housekeeping but we take care of lawns and assist in travel to and from the doctors. Our medi-



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cal care is so greatly enhanced over just regular IHS (Indian Health Service) care with the MAPS (Medical Assistance Program) which adds up to \$5,000 a year for each Chickasaw active in our healthcare system for causes not available through our normal coverage. The MAPS program is frequently used for additional dental care and/or eye care.

Not the least of our services to our Seniors are the nutrition sites and activity centers. Recently I visited the Duncan site and so many activities were in progress and approximately 60 people had lunch that day – many tribes represented and it was a greatly enjoyable day!

Many enjoyable activities are planned for our Seniors, trips to many, many places and a very noteworthy program is the one to take our veterans to Washington to visit the memorials of the different wars and see our Nation's great center. Those trips are so well deserved by those men and women and so well planned for their enjoyment and gratification.

On the other end of the spectrum are the many activities for our youth in addition to the traditional college and vo-tech students. The school-to-work program is phenomenal. Those fortunate people get paid to go to school as well as their jobs. The program is designed for our non-traditional students who need a "full" income to support families. Also, the many special activities, many of which go on all through the year such as the robotics program greatly encourage our youth on to better and higher achievements.

We have made giant strides for our at-large citizens and that endeavor is in a constant state of improvement. Call in for a list of services if you have not received one and enjoy what is rightfully yours. A very great deal of effort has been expended to make the services possible so please give yourself the gift!

The wonders – and I truly think of our services in that manner! – are so numerous I can't elaborate in this article but I am wishing for you the maximum in the way of the blessings available to us as Chickasaw citizens. Also I wish for each of you a very blessed, save Holiday Season. God Bless each and every one of you!

Linda Briggs

P&S directory, elder utility assistance available

Hello Everyone,
From me and my family to you and yours, we hope you had a happy Thanksgiving! We also wish you a merry Christmas and happy New Year!

The 2010 editions of the Chickasaw Nation Programs and Services Directory are now available. The process for getting one is different this year that in years past.

You may have received a postcard directing you to call to reserve your copy. Some people have told me they have not received the postcard. Not to worry,

you can visit: www.chickasaw.net/servicedirectory to request your copy or just call 1 (866) 466-1481.

We should all especially in these challenging economic times, thoroughly read the Programs and Service Directory to understand and utilize the numerous programs and services available to us and our families.

One of the best programs we have is the Elderly Utility Assistance Program which provides for up to \$250 assistance, twice a year, for Chickasaw over the age of 60 who live in or outside the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation. It is worth repeating that all Chickasaw elders, no matter

where you live, can receive this assistance.

In addition to being Chickasaw and over 60 years of age, applicants must provide a copy of or proof of application for a Chickasaw Nation citizenship card/certificate, a copy of his/her social security card and a copy of the utility bill for which assistance is to be requested.

For both Chickasaws living inside the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation and those residing outside the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation, the place to call to get an application are the area offices. The area offices and their respective phone numbers are listed below:

Ada Area Office (580) 436-7256
Ardmore Area Office (580) 226-4821
Duncan Area Office (580) 252-4119
Purcell Area Office (405) 527-6667
Sulphur Area Office (580) 622-2888
Tishomingo Area Office (580) 371-9512

Have a great holiday season and a wonderful new year!

Respectfully,
Katie



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CASE**

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Cornstalk Shooting? It's a Chickasaw tradition!

Learning about our history and culture is something we Chickasaws enjoy. I had the opportunity recently to learn about the game of Cornstalk Shooting by attending the First Chickasaw Cornstalk Shooting Tournament. The event was held in Ada on Saturday, November 14. There were shooters of all ages who showed off their skills by competing for trophies. The First Place trophy went to the first shooter to reach 50 points.

I learned that the cornstalk shoot goes back to the times when hunters and warriors would compete for accuracy with their bows and arrows. To keep

the tips of the arrows from breaking, participants shot through a large bank of dried cornstalks laid on their sides to create a one-foot thick wall.

Mike Cornelius, a Chickasaw bow maker and member of the Cultural Resources Department, is responsible for getting the current group of cornstalk shooters organized. Mike said he felt that this would be a good way to preserve the art of bow making, while providing some healthy competition.

Mike stated that the number of individuals, who have made their own bows, has grown since they began the corn stalk shooting about seven or eight months ago. They have also had a series of classes to teach bow making in the traditional Chickasaw way.

Mike also stated that they are looking forward to having their first tournament against other tribes this next summer during the Reunion.

I really enjoyed watching and learning about the Game of Cornstalk Shooting.

After the shoot, everyone enjoyed grilled burgers and hot dogs. This was a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon. Congratulations to Wayne Scribner, Glen Leming, and Mike Cornelius for placing in the First Chickasaw Cornstalk Shooting Tournament.

I want to thank Tim Cornelius for the information about the history of the Game of Cornstalk Shooting and Mike Cornelius for getting the First Chickasaw Cornstalk Shooting Tournament started.

I look forward to watching many more.



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Citizens At-Large Help Number

For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop

1005 Chamber Loop, Ada, OK
(580) 436-1007

SW jewelry, dream catchers, caps and lots of Chickasaw items. Shop the Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop for all your gift giving items!

Chickasaw students visit with Ivy League schools

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Education Committee! My new committee assignments include Health Care, Legislative, Land Development and the Human Resources Committee. I know that I will enjoy chairing the Education Committee as much as I enjoyed Health Care Committee because education is also very important to me. Joining me on the Education Committee are Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case and Shana Hammond.

The new Committee Chair of Health Care is Connie Barker from Marietta. She and I are joined by Legislators Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott and Dean McManus. We are all looking forward with great anticipation of many great things to the opening of the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Facility in 2010.



MARY JO GREEN

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The Education Department under the direction of Administrator Lisa John gives a monthly report to the Education Committee. I will be passing on some of their accomplishments and statistics to you each month through this column. The Nation provides many different programs benefiting so many Chickasaws and other Native Americans seeking education at so many levels.

Several institutions of higher education visited the Nation on a recent Saturday. The event was attended by several Chick-

asaw students and their families. The presenters such schools as members of the Ivy League Harvard, Yale, Columbia and Brown Universities. The presenters encouraged Chickasaw students to reach for the top through grants and other financing available to Native Americans.

This month Administrator Brown reported that funding is being sought through a grant application to build a safe room at Tishomingo Head Start. The safe room will probably be an above ground room and not a dugout shelter.

Also reported were year-end statistics such as 86 students earned their GED diplomas. Two additional classes were listed to fast track students at Sulphur Head Start. We had 3,190 Chickasaw students with an A/B grade average. The child care assistance program served 319 participants just in the month of August. Of those, 229 children were Chickasaw. Over 215 children are participating in the Chickasaw Nation Reading Program. Fall funding is complete with 2,243 students being funded. The Legislature takes great pride in the number of students attending v-tech schools and colleges.

I hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. I also wish everyone a Merry Christmas and may God bless you this coming new year!

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

By CHARLES BLACKWELL
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the United States

Remember when we were kids and our grannies, grandmamas and mothers told us to mind our manners? They said be respectful; don't speak unless spoken to; don't interrupt; and treat everyone else the way you like to

be treated; and, always tell the truth. Usually, too, if you didn't, there was a swat or a nearby switch with your name on it! Manners mattered then - they still do now. When we exercise our sense of community and citizenship, I know manners are absolutely necessary.

Recently, I spoke to the Oklahoma Political Science Association annual meeting at ECU in Ada. I talked about our separate roles and various responsibilities as tribal, state and U.S. citizens. As I presented my talk, I realized that manners, as they were taught to us, are at the very core of being a good citizen of any government. When one exhibits good manners there's a tendency to act just a little bit better and to be rewarded a little bit more for having done so. This is followed, then, by better communication, patience and a more highly educated degree of insight and sensitivity. As usual I feel I learned more from the political science folks, than they did from me. I'm grateful for that.

Having been born and raised in small towns all over Oklahoma (my folks were school teachers!), I truly enjoyed the small-town feel of the November week I spent in Ada. Living and working in Washington, D.C. for over 20 years now, I know that when you live in a town like Ada, Byng, Tishomingo, Sulphur or Purcell, you don't keep many secrets, at least not for long; but, though your neighbors always know your business, they always have your back as well. This is what I call community. Each level of our citizenship, whether it be Chickasaw, Oklahoma, USA, or the World provides us the opportunity to be good members of that

Remember Then? Think Now!



particular community and practice our manners. We must cover our neighbors backs.

I look at what is going on all around us - Wall Street and banking corruption, health care improvement, whether to expand the war, recession job loss, rising unthinkable violence toward our children and each other, drug trafficking and use

- and I wonder what has happened to our sense of community? We seem so divided in so many ways that covering a few backs would seem to be logically helpful. Democrats vs. Republicans! Christians vs. Muslims and Jews! White people vs. Brown and Black people! Red dogs vs. Blue dogs vs. Bluer dogs! Vegans vs. Meat-Eaters! Sometimes I think Uncle Sam and the Creator ought to send some people to cut their own switches for being so set in their ways that they forget their manners instead of looking for reasons to give their fellow citizens a pat on the back.

Congress is debating health care and hopefully will do the best they can for the good of all of us. Somehow, we must loosen the one trillion dollar debt string which binds us to China and perhaps, in the process, we can bring more jobs back to Americans while making things for Americans to relieve the high unemployment. Our farmers, ranchers and schoolteachers should, perhaps, have their backs covered and patted as they work to feed and educate us by getting more help and better pay. There is much to do and all of it is best done with a sense of community rising from good manners.

So, in this season of joy, sharing and new resolve, know that I've got your back here in Washington and I trust you're doing the same for each other there at home! I believe it will spread across the street, down the block and around the world. It's just good manners!

From the shadow of the Capitol dome here on Capitol Hill, Happy Holidays and everything good to you in 2010!

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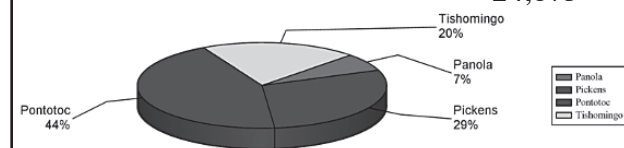
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Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,688	Pontotoc	10,993
Pickens	7,192	Tishomingo	<u>5,002</u>
24,875			



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‘Chickasaw Christmas Celebrations’

Chickasaw youth will have the opportunity to visit with Santa and participate in fun yuletide activities during annual Chickasaw Christmas Celebrations, set for several communities in the Chickasaw Nation.

Oklahoma City Celebration

When: Tuesday, December 8, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Where: Blazers Ice Center, 8000 S. I-35 Service Road, Oklahoma City.

Enjoy an evening of ice skating. Children can also visit with Santa, decorate cookies and drink cocoa. Remember to dress warmly and bring socks for ice skating.

Tishomingo Area Celebration

When: Thursday, December 10, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Where: Tishomingo Community Center, 1109 Ray Branum Road, Tishomingo.

Visits and pictures with Santa, along with cookies, cocoa, games and holiday crafts are planned for the evening.

Ardmore Area Celebration

When: Tuesday, December 15, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Where: Ardmore Festival of Lights, 2704 N. Rockford Road, Ardmore.

Enjoy Ardmore’s Parade of Lights and a stop at Santa’s Little Workshop following the parade to enjoy cocoa, cookies, holiday treats and a visit from Santa.

Ada Area Celebration

When: Thursday, December 17, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Where: Wintersmith Lodge, Wintersmith Park, Ada.

Children can visit with Santa, enjoy games, Christmas crafts, and refreshments.

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Council House Museum to host Christmas open house Dec. 11

The Chickasaw Nation Council House Museum will be hosting Christmas at the Museum 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11 in Tishomingo.

“We wanted to take some time out to celebrate the season and let people know that we’re here,” said Ann Fink, museum curator.

The event will be open-house style, complete with holiday decorations and refreshments.

Fink said that events like Christmas at the Museum are always good opportunities to hear new stories from Chickasaw citizens.

“People pass through and many have a story to tell,” she said. “It’s a great resource for

us to learn something that we might not have known before.”

Located at 209 Fisher Street, the museum holds one of the largest collections of Chickasaw art, artifacts and archive materials. It was constructed around the original Chickasaw council house where many early tribal meetings were conducted.

Christmas at the Museum is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the museum at (580) 371-3351.

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Tribal net assets post 16% gain over January 2009

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government cap- tion includes the tribe’s gen- eral fund and the tribe’s BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/ or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the busi- nesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mis- sion of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, in- clude motor fuel settlement funds and investment in- come. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, trav- el plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. Gen- eral government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor’s and Lt. Governor’s offices. Expendi- ture for education includes education scholarship as

well as the tribe’s division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, pre- scription drugs, wellness cen- ter, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses’ expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming opera- tion of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the pe- riod ending October 31, 2009

Tribal Government

October is the beginning of the Chickasaw Nation fiscal year so totals reflect month to date as well as year-to-date totals. Revenues and transfers from the businesses for opera- tions and fixed assets totaled \$10.4 million year-to-date. Ex- penditures were \$6.4 million for the month and year-to- date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2004, of \$120.0 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming priz- es for October totaled \$70.9 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Govern- ment was \$20.5 million. After transfers to the Tribal Govern- ment for capital projects and tribal program operations the

net income was \$4.7 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At October 31, 2009, the tribal government funds had

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the One Month Ended October 31, 2009

Revenues

Transfers from businesses to tribal government
Total funds available

Expenditures

General government
Legislature
Judiciary
Education
Heritage Preservation
Health
Youth and Family Services
Nutrition Programs
Regulatory
Assistance Programs
Transfer to Loan Program
Gaming expense
Other businesses' expense
Total expenditures
Increase in net assets
Beginning net assets
Ending net assets

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
\$	562,338	70,960,126	71,522,464
	10,048,075	(10,048,075)	-
	10,610,413	60,912,051	71,522,464
	724,548		724,548
	325,535		325,535
	63,365		63,365
	1,113,147		1,113,147
	444,505		444,505
	997,395		997,395
	1,440,712		1,440,712
	275,881		275,881
	342,779		342,779
	902,819		902,819
	-		-
		41,279,596	41,279,596
		14,852,524	14,852,524
	6,630,685	56,132,120	62,762,805
	3,979,728	4,779,931	8,759,660
	373,949,158	495,790,033	869,739,191
\$	377,928,886	500,569,964	878,498,850

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
October 31, 2009

Cash and Investments
Receivables
Inventory
Prepaid expenses
Other Assets
Fixed assets
Less payables
Net Assets

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
\$	134,548,765	145,963,821	280,512,586
	1,084,822	21,252,058	22,336,880
		5,359,312	5,359,312
		11,218,658	11,218,658
		84,549,462	84,549,462
	242,646,190	418,925,719	661,571,909
	(350,891)	(186,699,066)	(187,049,957)
\$	377,928,886	500,569,964	878,498,850

Tribal School to Work program in action

Chickasaw sisters making headway with educations

Twenty-four year-old twin sisters Rachael Redman and Amanda Wittner are in the midst of their first year of the Chickasaw Nation School to Work program and both students currently have a 4.0 in their courses this semester.

Rachael is the mother of a three-year-old daughter and a 13 month-old son.

Amanda and her husband, Jeremiah, have a five-year-old son and are expecting a boy this month.

Both ladies live in Ardmore and work at the Chickasaw Nation Health Clinic in an On-the-Job Training (OJT) program.

Rachael is in her first year of Murray State College in Tishomingo, Okla., studying nursing. She hopes to one day work as a nurse in labor and delivery or in pediatrics.

"I would also like to work on a Nurse Practitioner certification," she said.

Rachael applied for the Chickasaw Nation School to Work program as a way to fin-

ish school and still provide for her children.

"It's the only way I could do all my clinicals, go to school, and still support my kids," she said.

When she is not taking care of her children, she can be found in class in the mornings and at the Chickasaw Nation Health Clinic in the afternoon, where she works as a nurse's assistant.

Her job duties include taking vital signs and assessing patients, which helps her apply the knowledge she learns in the classroom.

She is also active in clinical training at 6:30 a.m. at Mercy Hospital in Ardmore, so her schedule is very busy.

At night, she studies after her children are asleep.

Amanda is in her final year at Murray State and expects to earn an associate's degree in May.

"I hope to do medical coding, billing and transcribing from home," she said.

She turned to the School to Work program, "to be able to finish my degree."

Amanda stays busy as well. "On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, I have internet classes in the morning and work in the afternoon," she said. "On Tuesday and Thursday I work all day. Of course, that could change next semester."

To study both ladies make up study guides for their courses.

"We both make our own practice test," said Amanda.

The twins attended high school in Porter, Okla., a small community located near Muskogee.

"We had 28 people in our graduating class," Rachael said.

And what do they do when they are not studying and working?

"We like to sing karaoke and are fans of the University of Oklahoma sports."

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Twin sisters Amanda Wittner, left, and Rachael Redman, both of Ardmore, Okla., are in their first year of the Chickasaw Nation School to Work program. Both ladies currently have a 4.0 in their courses this semester.

School to Work program

The School to Work program helps eligible traditional and non-traditional Chickasaw students earned their educations while maintaining employment through an On-the-Job Training program.

Students accepted in the program attend class and work in internship programs, typically in an area associated with their field of study. Students are considered employees and receive pay-

checks and benefits for their efforts.

Eligible applicants must be at least 18 and are selected as positions become available.

While students are in the program, they must maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average. For more information about the School to Work program, contact Valerie Nix at (580) 559-0815 in Ada, or Don Mose in Ardmore at (580) 222-2839.

A Chikashshanompoli 'Christmas Traditions'

Chipota Chikashshanompoli meetings focus on the importance of using the Chickasaw language in daily life.

One Saturday each month the club meets to learn the Chickasaw language and embark on a fun adventure that will incorporate newly introduced Chickasaw words.

Who's Involved

Club meetings are open to all children ages three to 12 who are interested in learning the Chickasaw language.

This Month

"Christmas Traditions" is December's theme. The meeting will take place from 9 a.m.

to 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19 at the Community Center Gym in Ada. Participants will learn Chickasaw words associated with Christmas.

Want to join?

To join Chipota Chikashshanompoli or to inquire about upcoming meetings, contact Rachel Wedlow at (580) 436-2603, rachel.wedlow@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/cc.

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'Christmas in the Clouds' to air

Holba' Kana'li Film Series Celebrates Christmas

"Christmas in the Clouds" will be December's Holba' Kana'li Film Series' independent film feature.

Set at a Native American-owned ski resort, "Christmas in the Clouds" is a classic comedy of mistaken identity and romance set during the holiday season.

Director Kate Montgomery shot the film on location at the Sundance Resort and Utah. Released in 2001, the film was



the first contemporary romantic comedy to feature a predominately Native American cast.

Stars of the film include Graham Greene, Timothy Vahle and Sam Vlahos.

"Christmas in the Clouds" was featured at the 2001 Sundance Film Festival and

was named Best Competition Feature Film at the Austin Film Festival and Best Native American Theme Film at the Sante Fe Film Festival.

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If you go

WHAT: Holba' Kana'li Film Series featuring Christmas in the Clouds

WHEN: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15

WHERE: McSwain Theatre, Ada

DETAILS: Tickets, \$5, will be available at the door or can be ordered by visiting www.mcswaintheatre.com.

CONTACT: James Wallace, (580) 272-5520

Tribal After School program keeps kids 'on the go'

Fruit sculpting, kick boxing, swimming - great things for kids!

Creating the likeness of a turkey from a variety of fresh fruit was just one of the unique projects for Chickasaw Nation After School program students this semester. The program runs through Dec. 11.

Students seven to 13 participate in a variety of activities and learn new skills to promote wellness and good nutrition. A different activity is planned for each day of the week, including swimming, fitness, martial arts, and lessons on culture and nutrition.

Returning student Jayson Morgan said he looked forward to the Friday trips to the Chickasaw Nation-owned family fun center, Lazer Zone.

As he was arranging oranges, apples, pears, apricots and other fruits to make a turkey, he said he had also learned about new fruits and snacks during the nutrition sessions.

"I didn't know there were that many fruits," he said.

Jayson attends the fifth



After School program student Taylor Porter makes a turkey out of fresh fruit one afternoon last month during the six-week program. A total of 25 students attended the program.

grade at Willard Grade Center in Ada.

Kelly Jesse participated in the After School program for the first time. She also learned

about nutritious snacks.

"I didn't know apricots are good for you," she said.

Kelly attends Homer School in Ada. She said she had made new friends through the program.

Taylor Porter, an Ada Washington Grade Center fourth grader, attended the After School program last fall and was looking forward to participating again this year.

She enjoys swimming days and meeting her friends.

"My friend Dawson and Hailey and her brothers are here," she said.

She learned Chickasaw numbers for the first time through the program.

The After School program will be offered in the spring. The hours are 3:30 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Admittance is based in first-come, first-served basis for Chickasaw citizens and Chickasaw Nation employees' children.

For more information, contact Matt Folsom at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Dawson Lyon, a Latta (OK) Elementary student, practices her kick boxing during the After School program.

Mike McKee



Chickasaw Jayson Morgan says he looks forward to the After School Program every time it's offered.

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Tickets go on sale December 5, 2009

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130 West Main, Ada, Ok 74820

Taking a close look with technology

Tribal GeoSpatial group mapping out Chickasaw assets

The Chickasaw Nation Department of GeoSpatial Information (GSI) was recently honored by a premier software development and service company.

ESRI, a geographic information system software company based in Redlands, Calif., honored the tribal department during the group's annual conference this summer in San Diego.

Selected for its vision, leadership and innovative use of its geographic information system (GIS) technology, the Chickasaw Nation GSI Department was selected for the "Special Achievement in GIS" award from more than 300,000 organizations worldwide.

This award-winning department uses the ESRI software to provide in-depth, up-to-date information needed to deliver efficient, effective services for tribal divisions and citizens, said John Ellis, director of the Chickasaw Nation GSI department.

"We are providing much more than conventional maps," Ellis said. "We are providing decision-making tools."

Currently, GIS team members concentrate on three areas in an effort to enhance the lives of Chickasaw citizens: emergency management services, cultural preservation and economic development.

GIS helps with emergency management services by providing detailed maps of the service area in south central Oklahoma to Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Department, the Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue team and Bureau of Indian Affairs firefighters, as

well as county and state police and fire departments, FEMA, and other federal agencies.

Lighthorse officers can access the maps detailing tribally-owned lands, what land is currently in trust and more, which helps officers determine jurisdictional issues.

A database with information on all Chickasaw Nation facilities including location of each facility, number of employees, structure material, square footage, floor plans, pictures and contact information for responsible parties has been created and is continually updated.

Efforts to preserve Chickasaw culture are also under way at GIS.

By using maps, treaties and other historical documents provided by the GIS team, archeologists are continuing their efforts to uncover more facts about Chickasaw culture, such as locating ancient Chickasaw villages, burial sites and trade routes.

GIS has also allowed the Chickasaw Nation to integrate data across various departments and divisions, including Commerce.

By using this technology, the GSI team is able to provide demographic information to help determine the best location for new businesses.

"We were able to provide a list of land that met the criteria in a matter of minutes," Ellis said. "Without having the information stored in a geodatabase, it would have taken days, or even weeks, to filter the information."

Created in 1996, the Chickasaw Nation GSI Department also provides a variety of training to many departments in the Chickasaw Nation, including Lighthorse Police, Environmental Services, Realty, Insurance, Information Technology, and others.

As the Chickasaw Nation continues to grow and develop, GSI can meet its goal to offer Chickasaw citizens and community partners the opportunity to be both consumers and creators of geographic data.

The GIS Department also provides maps, geographic data and large scale printing for all Chickasaw Nation divisions.

Chickasaw Nation GSI staff members include director John Ellis; GIS manager Manerd Gayler; Cassandra Gore, GIS system administrator; Bill Bean, web application developer; Dawn Sowinski, GIS analyst; Adam Drannon, GIS specialist; Jeannett Phillips, GIS specialist; Corey Gillum, GIS technician; Brian McCurdy, GIS technician; Misti Ray, administrative assistant; and interns Bobby Ramsey, Levi Foreman and Miley Ward.



Chickasaw Nation GIS Specialist Adam Drannon prints a large-scale map of the Chickasaw Nation. The tribal GeoSpatial Information (GSI) Department was recently honored with a special achievement award by a national software company.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation GeoSpatial Information Department, contact John Ellis at (580) 272-5402 or (580) 272-5469 or email john.ellis@chickasaw.net

Besides the Chickasaw Nation GSI staff, other organizations being honored by ESRI include the Artesia Water Company, Montana State Library, NASA Langley Research Center, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Yosemite National Park, City of Madrid, DHL Express, Polytechnic of Namibia, Victoria Police in Australia, and the Grammar School at Leeds.

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Chickasaw Foundation recognizes outstanding volunteers, contributors



Honorees of the 2009 Friends of the Foundation event. Pictured are, back row from left, George Frazier, Clifford Massie, Buster Smith, Brandon Brasher, Michael Bess, Warren Alexander and Susan Hamilton. Front row from left, Jeremy Ellis, Dr. Karina Jandziszak, Debbie Jackson on behalf of Sandi Sanders, Rita Dunn and Donnie Rollings.

ADA, Okla. - Several Chickasaw Foundation donors and volunteers were honored at the "Friends of the Foundation" reception Nov. 13 at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada.

During the reception, Foundation executive director Johnna Walker announced the Chickasaw Foundation honorees for 2009.

Rita Dunn was named "Philanthropist of the Year" for es-

tablishing the James Michael "Mike" Dunn Scholarship last year after the passing of her husband, a dedicated employee of the Chickasaw Nation School to Work program.

Sandi Sanders and Jeremy Ellis each received "Volunteer of the Year" awards and Chickasaw Nation Health System pediatrician Dr. Karina Jandziszak was named Employee Charitable Contribution Plan "Donor of the Year."

Members of the Chickasaw Nation Landscaping Department, managed by Donnie Rollings, were recognized as "Volunteer Group of the Year." The honored crew from Ada included George Frazier, Buster Smith, Cliff Massey, Brandon Brasher, Warren Alexander, Tim Deathrage, Oscar Gore, Susie Hamilton and Michael Bess.

Receiving special recognition for their service to the Chickasaw Foundation were Amanda Venn, of Winstar Casino, and Shirley McCormick, of Riverwind Casino.

In the past year, the Chickasaw Foundation has granted 58 scholarships worth more than \$74,000.

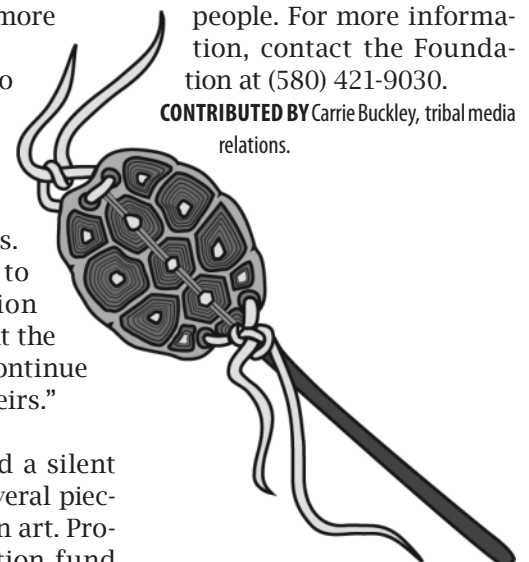
"Education is vital to the progress of our nation," said Kennedy Brown, chairman of the Foundation board of trustees. "We are dedicated to promoting education and making sure that the Chickasaw people continue to strive to obtain theirs."

The event included a silent auction featuring several pieces of Native American art. Proceeds from the auction fund

a fine arts scholarship, given each year to a student pursuing a career in the fine arts.

The Chickasaw Foundation is a non-profit organization founded in 1971 to help promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people. For more information, contact the Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

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At DQ, 'We Treat You Right!'

Small-town restaurant has big history of hiring Chickasaw workers

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - A Chickasaw family has offered more than frozen treats and hamburgers to the Tishomingo community during the past 40 years. The family has also provided many young people a great place to work.

Ray and Pinky Rowe, owners of the Tishomingo Dairy Queen, recently celebrated 40 years in business and received a granite plaque from the company's headquarters.

The plaque is the latest in a collection showcased proudly on the wall near the front counter, all representing decades of long hours and instilling a solid work ethic in the area teenagers.

"We always worked well with the Chickasaw Nation," Mrs. Rowe said. "Whenever we had an opening we would call the tribe and see if any young person in the community needed a job. We've had so many kids go on and do well, we are so proud of them," she said with a wide smile.

"One of our first employees was Mrs. Janice Anoatubby," Mrs. Rowe said. "She worked here while Governor was in college. She was a good worker."

"I feel a strong support system with the tribe because they are always there. I tell people every day we are blessed to be Chickasaw."

The couple purchased the restaurant in 1969, after moving back to Tishomingo from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, to be closer to Mrs. Rowe's family.

"Prior to that, I didn't do

hamburgers," said Mr. Rowe, explaining he worked selling mining and construction equipment.

"We wondered how we could come back here and make hamburgers and make a living out of it."

The answer was a lot of hard work.

It was then that Mr. Rowe began a routine he still sticks to. He arrives at the Dairy Queen at 4:30 a.m. and works until mid-morning. He follows this schedule seven days a week unless it's Thanksgiving or Christmas, because the restaurant is closed.

Mrs. Rowe hung up her apron when she turned 60 and keeps busy at home.

All of their children and grandchildren have worked at the restaurant, with one, Tasha, volunteering to help clear tables at age 12.

The couple has a son, Raymond Thomas, and a daughter, Cindy McIver; four grandchildren, Dustin Rowe, Christopher Rowe, Tasha Gray and Carrie Hurt; and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Rowe's Chickasaw heritage can be traced back to her grandmother, Mame Cravatt Hughes. She was born in Tishomingo and raised on the family's allotted land near Blue River in Johnston County.

Mr. Rowe is also from Tishomingo.

The couple married when they were both 17.

"He asked my dad every day for six months," she said.

Then one day, Mr. Rowe told

Pinky's father they were getting married on Nov. 22, to which he replied he would attend.

The Rowe's Dairy Queen (DQ) is one of only a handful across Oklahoma.

The DQ restaurant was originally located across Main Street and was the place to turn around while "cruising Main." But a fire in 1989 forced the family to open up across the street at 404 West Main.

In the 40 years since opening, the Rowes have seen the addition of the Blizzard, a delicious concoction of DQ soft serve and candy; crispy chicken salad; and the "We Treat You Right" slogan, introduced in 1980. They still operate the restaurant the same way they did in 1969. There is not a computer in sight.

The couple donates items, such as napkins, cups, and French fries, to community functions whenever asked. It is their way of giving back to the community.

"We help every school in Johnston County for any function," said Mr. Rowe.

The Rowes attend the First Assembly of God Church and have traveled extensively in the past, but mostly stay around Tishomingo these days.

When they are both ready to hang up their aprons, a family member will take over the day-to-day management of the restaurant.

"It's been a good trip," Mrs. Rowe said. "We have enjoyed the ride."

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Chickasaw citizen Frances "Pinky" Rowe and her husband, Ray, recently celebrated 40 years of operation of Tishomingo's Dairy Queen, located at 404 West Main. The couple has worked closely with the Chickasaw Nation throughout the years and offers Chickasaw souvenirs in the restaurant.

Girls' Softball Clinic set for Dec. 28-29 in Ardmore

ARDMORE, Okla. - Chickasaw softball players will have the opportunity to learn from Team USA professionals during the Chickasaw Nation's Winter Fast-pitch Softball Clinic Dec. 28-29 at Ardmore High School.

Chickasaw girls ages 10 to 18 will perfect the fundamentals of hitting, fielding and more under the instruction of Team USA players Monica Abbott, Vicky Galendo and Kelly Kretschman of Team USA.

Female athletes who are involved in a youth league or school fast-pitch softball programs, and those who are interested in the sport, may apply for the overnight camp.

Campers residing outside of the immediate Ardmore area may stay overnight at

Lake Murray Lodge, if they choose.

Transportation will be provided from Ada, Purcell, Davis and Tishomingo for campers who are staying overnight.

Application deadline is December 11.

For more information or an application contact Colt Digby at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net

The Winter Softball Clinic is one of many of the sports, education and youth camps and clinics offered at no charge to Chickasaw students thanks the contributions of Chickasaw tribal businesses. This new camp will replace the annual Summer Softball clinic.

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'Let's Speak Chickasaw' receives national award

"Let's Speak Chickasaw (Chikashshanompa' Kilanompoli)," the first textbook to be used to teach the Chickasaw language, has received the Linguistic Society of America's 2010 Leonard Bloomfield Book Award.

The text is the second collaborative work by authors Catherine Pickens Willmond and Pamela Munro, UCLA Professor of Linguistics. The first, "Chickasaw: An Analytical Dictionary" was published in 1994.

Mrs. Willmond is a Chickasaw citizen and a fluent speaker of our native language.



Catherine Willmond

"Mrs. Willmond and I are supremely honored and amazed at receiving this award, Munro said.

"Hopefully, this will make more people realize that Chickasaw really is the world's best language!"

The content of the book is based on Munro's work with Mrs. Willmond and numerous trips to Oklahoma to visit with dozens of fluent speakers. "Let's Speak Chickasaw" treats the language as a living thing, not a historical artifact.

Established in 1992, the Bloomfield Award recognizes

a text that makes the most outstanding contribution to the development of the understanding of language and linguistics.

Recipients for the Bloomfield Award are chosen based on novelty, conceptual significance and clarity of the text.

The award will be presented at a special ceremony Jan. 9, 2010 at the Linguistic Society of America's Annual Meeting in Baltimore.

"Let's Speak Chickasaw" is currently available through the University of Oklahoma Press. To purchase, visit www.oupublish.com.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carrie Buckley, tribal media relations.

BIRTHS



Isabella Brie Key

Sydney, Lauren, Jazlyn and Benjamin Key announce the birth of their sister, IsaBella. IsaBella was born Aug. 25, 2009 at Carl Albert Indian Hospital, Ada. She weighed 8 lbs., 1.1 oz., and measured 19.1 inches at birth.

Proud parents are Joshua and Summer Key, of Ada, Okla.

Maternal grandparents are Allen and Luella Jones, of Sulphur, Okla. Maternal great-grandparents are Susie Wallace, of Sulphur, the late Willie and Eula Mae Jones, and the late Sidney Taylor.

Paternal grandparents are Roy and Marla Key, of Ada. Paternal great-grandparents are Harold and Katherine Key, of Holdenville, Okla., and the late Joe and Minnie Shields, of Fittstown, Okla.

IsaBella is blessed and loved by many aunts, uncles, and numerous cousins.

She is our surprise baby and we love her very much.

Love you,
Mom and Dad



Eli Thomas Cooper

Eli Thomas Cooper was born March 6, 2009. He weighed 8 lbs., 7 oz., and measured 18.9 inches at birth.

Eli is the son of Ian and Desirea Cooper.

He is the grandson of Richard and Dr. Tina Cooper.

BIRTHDAY



Garrett Morgan

Christopher Garrett Morgan will celebrate his fifth birthday Dec. 12, 2009.

Garrett is a student at the Chickasaw Nation Head Start Center in Ada.

Garrett is the son of Scott and Melissa Morgan.

He is the grandson of Vicky and Bill Gold, Gayle and Shelby Morgan, and Buddy Tartsah.

He is the nephew of Rachael and Derek Collins, Marcus Tartsah and Stacy and Danny Cates.

Happy Birthday Garrett!



Kelsie Short

Kelsie Short celebrated her birthday Halloween Party Oct. 31, 2009. All her friends and family came dressed up in their favorite costume and participated in games, a costume contest, pumpkin decorating contest and candy was given out. There were all sorts of goodies to eat besides cake and ice cream. Everyone enjoyed sharing this special day with Kelsie.

As Kelsie's parents we are very proud of her. She has been such a blessing in our lives. Her smile always brightens our day.

She is very loving and always says "I love you" just because. We have a very bright little girl.

She has been Cub of the Month several times and she is on the Principal's Honor Roll.

She enjoys art, basketball, playing football with the boys at school, listening to music, playing video games, riding her four wheeler, playing with her cats, Domino (who she rescued from a fence as a baby) and Pumpkin. She even enjoys wrestling with her brother Caleb.

Kelsie is very outgoing and adventurous. She is our Little Indian Princess. She is loved very much.

Kelsie Ann Short is in the second grade and attends Central Elementary School, Moore, Okla. Her first name is taken after her late and beloved grandmother Kelsie Morris, of Ada, Okla. Her middle name is taken after her grandmother Annie Short, of Norman, Okla.

She has a great-grandmother, Fern Short, of Weatherford, Okla., who just turned 90. Her late grandfather was Colson Miller, of Ada.

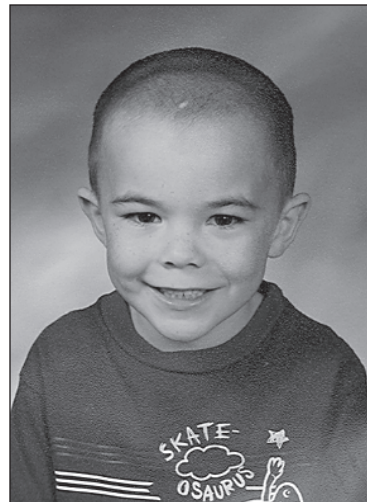
She has several nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles. Her parents are Matt and Shirley Short, of Moore.

Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey can win \$100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey through the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

After completing the survey, enter the giveaway. The \$100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in the *Chickasaw Times*.



Ethan Gomez

Ethan John Gomez will turn five on Dec. 16, 2009. He attends Pre-K at Meeker (OK) Elementary School.

Ethan is the son of John and Michell Gomez. His sister is Kyla Paige and a special uncle Bill Gomez.

He is the grandson of Joe Gomez, of Luther, Okla., Patricia Gomez, of Sulphur, Okla., and James and Jan Buoy, of Prague, Okla. He is the great-grandson of Mildred Leslie, of Newalla and the late Harvey Leslie, and the late George and Barbara Buoy. Ethan is a descendant of original enrollee Nannie (Wade) Leslie.

Customer Service Survey Winner!

Congratulations to Erran Caldito, of Glendale, Calif., for winning our quarterly customer service survey \$100 prize!

Thank you to all who completed our Customer Service Customer Survey Winner Survey through the internet and remember we will be having our next drawing soon. Hope to hear from each and everyone of you.

To enter go to www.chickasaw.net and click on the link for customer service surveys.



Olivia Bartmess

Olivia Noelle Bartmess will turn seven years old on December 6, 2009.

She attends Jefferson Elementary School and is active in her church choir and is a Girl Scout Daisy. She loves to skate, draw, play outside with friends and just "be a kid."

Olivia is Chickasaw, Creek, Seminole and Navajo.

Olivia is the daughter of Levi and Valene Bartmess, of Norman, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of John and Pat Bartmess, of Moore, Okla., Kessler Bigpond, Jr., of Albuquerque, and Josephine Benally, of Houck, Ariz.

She is the great-granddaughter of Levi Edwards, the late Virginia Underwood Edwards and the late Kessler and Lucy Bigpond.

Happy Birthday Olivia! We love you!

Help us update our military list!

The Chickasaw Nation is updating the military database for those on active duty and stationed away from home.

If you know of a Chickasaw in the service whom you would like to add to the list or update their address, please contact Joy Barrick in the Public Affairs Department at (580) 310-6451 or email joy.barrick@chickasaw.net.

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CHICKASAW STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Destiny Wilson

Chickasaw student receives top honor

Destiny Wilson, Chickasaw/Choctaw, daughter of Connie Doty and Robert Wilson, received the top honor at Canadian Valley Vo-tech for cosmetology.

Destiny is a 17-year-old junior at Bethany (OK) High School. She is interested in all aspects of fashion and cosmetology.

Mrs. Cheryl Scott, cosmetology instructor, presented Destiny with the Star Duster's elite award. She received a Sterling Silver Star pendant, star pin and certificate for this great honor.



Dr. Shannon Speed

Speed promoted at University of Texas

A Chickasaw educator has recently been promoted at a Big 12 University.

Dr. Shannon Speed, a tenured associate professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Texas at Austin, was recently promoted to the position of Assistant Vice President for Community Engagement in the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement.

In her new position, Dr. Speed will direct the UT Community Engagement Center, which coordinates a variety of programs that seek to extend the university's reach and impact beyond the walls of the university, in particular to communities that have historically been underserved. In addition, Dr. Speed coordinates the In-

digenous Studies Initiative, a faculty and student-led effort to strengthen Native American and Indigenous Studies at UT.

Dr. Speed holds a Ph.D in Anthropology and Native American Studies from the University of California at Davis. Her research has focused on Native peoples of Mexico. She has authored and edited several books on Mayan peoples, human rights, indigenous rights, and women's rights.

In addition, she has written widely about research methods that make university social science research more relevant to the people. She has been at the University of Texas since 2003.

As a board member of the Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas, Dr. Speed is also active in the local Chickasaw community in Austin.

She is the daughter of William and Iris Speed, of Los Angeles, and granddaughter of Dawes enrollees Ottillie Josephine Reichert (Choctaw), of Wynnewood, Okla., and Samuel Jefferson Speed (Chickasaw), of Brady, Okla.



Dr. John and Tewanna Edwards

Couple keynotes for Native American Heritage Month

Dr. John Edwards (Absentee Shawnee) and Tewanna Edwards (Chickasaw) were keynote speakers at the Headquarters of Army & Air Force Exchange Service, Dallas, in celebrating the Native American Heritage Month.

Their presentations focused on Native American contributions made to this country, and ensuring our children excel in every aspect of leadership and personal excellence for the good of the Native American people.

Chickasaw Appreciation Day at ECU



Gov. Bill Anoatubby and East Central University president John Hargrave, center, meet Lone Star Conference football officials William Keaton, left, and Kevin Roberts before the kickoff of the ECU - Southeastern Oklahoma State University game on Nov. 7. Gov. Anoatubby tossed the coin to begin the game as part of Chickasaw Nation and Pre-Paid Legal Services Inc. Appreciation Day at ECU.

Chickasaw family named Edmond YMCA 'Family of the Year'



From left, Tory, Lori, Taylor and Tommy Scott were chosen 2009 "Family of the Year" by the Edmond YMCA.

EDMOND, Okla. - Chickasaw citizen Tommy Scott along with his wife Lori, son Tory, and daughter Taylor were named the 2009 "Family of the Year" by the Edmond YMCA.

The award was presented to the Scott family Oct. 27 during an awards banquet at Charleston's restaurant in Edmond.

The Scott family was nominated for the award by members of the YMCA for their hard work, dedication, and leadership as a family to mak-

ing YMCA sports a success.

"We are very proud that we were nominated, but even more that we won as a family," said Tommy Scott. "To win an award over several hundred families was a shock. We were very honored."

Tommy and Lori Scott have been volunteering as coaches for YMCA sports for eight plus years. Their children participate in several YMCA athletics events.

Three seasons a year in the

spring, summer and fall the Scott family participates in soccer, baseball, swim meets, triathlons, and serving on the sports committee team.

Each season the Scotts have three main goals: to have fun, maintain good sportsmanship and be good Christians.

"If we get through a season without anyone getting hurt it was a good season," said Scott.

Last fall Scott's 12 and under boys soccer team, the Titans, went undefeated with an 8-0 record.

Tommy and Lori Scott began volunteering to spend more time with their kids but also to teach the children the importance of team work while being good sports and Christians.

"My family and I believe that the YMCA is a great organization because the YMCA believes in good Christianity on and off the field," said Scott. "I have been very fortunate to be able to donate my time to the several kids that follow me as I coach each year."

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Brown, Edwards, Orphan, Schultz honored

Four Chickasaw elders honored by AARP Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY - Four Chickasaw elders were honored at AARP Oklahoma's first Indian Elder Honors November 17 in Oklahoma City.

Kennedy Brown, Tewanna Edwards, Levi Orphan and Lucy Belle Schultz were among 50 Indian elders honored. More than 30 tribes were represented at the event.

Kennedy Brown served as the Lieutenant Governor of the Chickasaw Nation from 1987 to 1991 and currently serves as a special assistant to the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation. He is Chairman of the Chickasaw Historical Society, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Chickasaw Foundation and a delegate to the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes. He also serves on the board of directors of Mental Health Services of Southern Oklahoma, the Ada City School Foundation and the Ada Boys & Girls Club.

Tewanna Edwards is the great-niece of Choctaw Code Talker Otis Leader. She has been an advocate for Indian families as a Chickasaw Nation Peacemaker within the Chickasaw Nation District Court system. She is the Advi-

sory Board Chairperson of the Chickasaw Nation Boys & Girls Club of Chickasha, Okla., and a member of the National Indian Education Association. She has also served as a substance abuse and gambling addiction counselor.

Levi Orphan spent over 37 years in the military and 27 years as a civil servant at Tinker Air Force Base. After retiring at the age of 58, he became a wild land firefighter with the Chickasaw Agency Fire Management Team. Although he had no previous firefighting experience, he fought numerous fires throughout the United States in the decade he spent with the Chickasaw team. He assisted in both the Hurricane Katrina relief effort and Columbia Space Shuttle search and recovery efforts.

As the only woman to serve as mayor of Pryor, Okla., Lucy Belle Schultz was instrumental in Pryor becoming a "Certified City," enabling the town to vie for community development opportunities. Through her support of the Thunderbird Institute, numerous Academy Cadets shadowed her to receive first-hand knowledge of the responsibilities of public officials

and an insight to public office. For more than 25 years she has been a volunteer for local and state organizations and was instrumental in helping secure funding to build the new Senior Center in Pryor.

Other Indian elders honored included authors, poets, educators, chiefs and governors, elders who have kept their cultures alive by saving traditional dance and language, those who have fought for federal recognition of their tribes and nations and veterans - including the last surviving Native American from the Bataan Death March.

AARP National President-Elect Lee Hammond was on hand to deliver the keynote address and help present medallions along with AARP Oklahoma Volunteer State President Marjorie Lyons and State Director Nancy Coffey.

"It was a beautiful night to salute these American Indian Elders," said Lyons. "AARP Oklahoma has pledged to continue working with Oklahoma Indians to understand their unique needs and find ways that the association can help them age with dignity."

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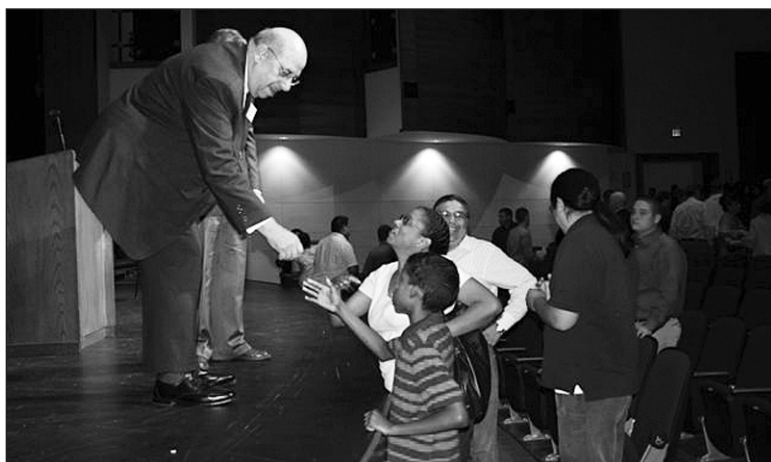


Chickasaw elders Kennedy Brown, above, and Tewanna Edwards, below, are congratulated by with AARP State President Marjorie Lyons.



Indian citizenship a unique and complex element

Ambassador focuses on quality education, good citizenship



Chickasaw Ambassador Charles Blackwell greets attendees at his lecture. Ambassador Blackwell was the keynote speaker for the Oklahoma Political Science Association's annual conference last month at East Central University in Ada.

"The Three R's of the Three C's" encompass most of what we need to know regarding how to be a good citizen.

This was the topic when the Chickasaw Nation's Ambassa-

dor to the United States Charles Blackwell addressed dozens of students, faculty and Chickasaw citizens during 2009 Oklahoma Political Science Association Conference Nov. 5 at

East Central University in Ada, Okla.

Blackwell discussed the complexity of Native American citizenship in the United States and explained what it is like to be a citizen not only of the U.S. and Oklahoma, but also of a sovereign Indian nation.

The "three R's" are "readin', ritin' and rithmetic," or less colloquially, education.

The "three C's" are an Indian's citizenship in his tribe, his state and his country.

Blackwell focused on the importance of thinking for oneself and the significance of voting in all three levels of citizenship.

"American Indians are not an ethnic minority; they are members of domestic sovereign nations," he said. "As with any other organization, you get

out what you put into it."

Blackwell noted that the "old Indian way" of living still applies to citizenship and government today.

"Native Americans have a centuries-old way of thinking that includes acting with strength, courage, wisdom and generosity," Blackwell said. "The balance of these things is extremely important to the survival of any nation."

"At the end of the day, we're all Americans," he said.

Christine Pappas, Associate Professor of Political Science at ECU and program chair of the Oklahoma Political Science Association, said the address was meant to shed some light on an issue that isn't frequently discussed.

"With nearly 50,000 Native Americans in Oklahoma, this

is an important but little understood issue," she said.

The lecture was part of a collaboration formed between the ECU Political Science Department and Ambassador Blackwell with the purpose of providing ECU political science students the opportunity to understand the political process at a higher level.

Blackwell received his bachelor's degree in Education from East Central State College in 1964 and his law degree from the University of New Mexico in 1972, where he also served as an Assistant Dean and Adjunct Faculty member. He has served as the Chickasaw Nation's ambassador for more than 20 years.

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Princesses, legislators, employees serve Thanksgiving lunch to elders



Miss Chickasaw Jessie Miller serves Thanksgiving lunch to elders at the annual Elders Thanksgiving Lunch and Bazaar on Nov. 20.

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Division of Aging hosted the annual Elders Thanksgiving Luncheon and Bazaar November 20 at the Pontotoc County Agriplex in Ada.

Refreshments were served as hundreds of elders arrived from Chickasaw Nation senior centers played games and browsed fundraising craft booths.

Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel welcomed the elders, saying that Chickasaws have a lot to be thankful for.

"This is a good day to be Chickasaw," he said. "It is wonderful to get together and look back on the year and count our blessings."

Lt. Gov. Keel and Linda Roberts, director of Chickasaw Nation Environmental Services,

then recognized elders who participated in the Chickasaw Nation's America Recycles Day Seniors Arts and Crafts Contest.

Seniors from eight sites entered arts and crafts made solely from recycled material.

"We were overwhelmed with the participation that we had on this project," Roberts said. "Recycling is all about making the earth a better place for our children and grandchildren."

Contest winners were: 5th place, Jon Reading, of Duncan, for a recycled wood picture frame; 4th place, Betty Crabtree, of Pauls Valley, for an angel constructed out of a hymnal; 3rd place was Berdine Carter of Duncan for a tortoise shell purse; 2nd place, Sue Simmons, of Ardmore, for a mus-

lin quilt; and 1st place went to Virginia Mann, of Duncan, for a quilt made of wedding and prom dresses.

The Chickasaw Princesses presented The Lord's Prayer and the Elders Choir sang Choctaw Hymns.

The event concluded with a traditional Thanksgiving meal was served by several legislators, tribal employees and the staff of the senior sites.

Tribal legislators on hand to assist with serving were Connie Barker, Dean McManus, Mary Jo Green, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Nancy Elliott, Linda Briggs, Shana Hammond and Beth Alexander.

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Students from across Chickasaw Nation gather for Youth Heritage Day



Tracy McGill of Greenville, Okla., learns martial arts moves.

Marcy Gray

Nearly 350 students from 12 schools across Oklahoma gathered at the Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge Nov. 10 to celebrate Native American Heritage Month by attending Chickasaw Nation Youth Heritage Day.

Students in fifth through eighth grades gathered from

Stratford, Colbert, Ravia, Allen, Byng, Terrel, Lindsay, Greenville, Wilson, Ardmore, Wynnewood and Madill to enjoy games and demonstrations based on Chickasaw culture.

Archery, stickball and blowgun demonstrations were given and traditional crafts included pinch pots, mini stickball



Students from Wilson, Okla., with Smokey Bear.

sticks and corn husk dolls.

Chickasaw citizen and employee Dixie Brewer was on hand as a storyteller and Chickasaw elder and fluent speaker Stanley Foster gave participants a language lesson.

Fire prevention methods were presented by members of the Chickasaw BIA agency Fire-

fighters and Smokey the Bear and Lighthorse police presented a DARE program warning of the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

Students also had the opportunity to receive a martial arts lesson from Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts Instructor Matt Clark.



Briana Miner, a 6th grader from Stratford, Okla., constructs a mini stickball stick during craft time.

DaShanna Ryans, an eighth grader from Lindsey, said that the event was a nice break from the classroom.

"This is a lot better than just sitting at my desk," she said. "I've learned a lot and really thought playing stickball was fun."

Brandon Faust, of Wynnewood, also enjoyed playing stickball.

"I never knew that the Chickasaws would use stickball to settle a fight," he said.

Lunch and a demonstration by the Chickasaw Dance Troupe concluded the event.

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Kids trick or treat during 4th Annual Chepota Himmita event



The Townsend family, mother Ashley, father James, daughter Ambrielle and son Ryan.

More than 50 parents and children "trick or treated" through the hallways of the tribal Youth and Family Services building as employees handed out candy by the hand-

ful to celebrate Halloween.

Free prizes and a Halloween pumpkin decorating contest for the families rounded out the event.

The 4th Annual Chepota Himmita (Young Child) Trick or Treat was Oct. 22 and sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Department of Family Advocacy and the Chepota Himmita program.

Staff of the Youth and Family Services building greeted the children with candy while admiring the wide range of costumes.

"This is a great event the Chepota Himmita program puts on for the children each year! The Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Services employees are always so hospitable and good to our program," said Ginger Dunn, Supervisor for the Chepota Himmita program.

The annual trick-or-treat event was designed to give the children a fun and safe environment to spend a day with their families and the other children in the program while enjoying Halloween.

Chepota Himmita is a voluntary program, at no cost, that seeks to provide community based resources and support for Native American families.

The program provides opportunities to learn about child health/development, use of community resources, par-

enting skills, support groups, home visitation by support workers, nutrition, family budgeting and more.

Enrollment in the Chepota Himmita program is for women 28 weeks pregnant and up to 12 months after birth, who are members of Native American families living in Pontotoc County. Once enrolled, children can participate until age six.

"Our program has been focusing on total family evolution and this year's event was

wonderful, bringing in the support of entire families with the mothers and fathers in attendance for many of the children," said Dunn.

For more information and for details on enrollment and future Chepota Himmita events you can call (580) 272-5550 or visit the Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Services at 231 Seabrook Road in Ada.

CONTRIBUTED BY Jeremy Oliver, tribal media relations.

Pacific Northwest Community Council

For those who attended the October 24 quarterly meeting, thank you!

The meeting went well with roughly 40 people in attendance and excellent food and fellowship. Additionally, all plastic water bottles and paper used during the event were recycled.

We were glad to have with us again Sharon Nelson as well as Michelle Cooke from the Nation. Guest speaker Allen Elliott of Tribal Health Services spoke about the benefits available to

at-large citizens who do not have access to existing tribal health services. The presentation included Prescription Mail Order, Eye Glass & Contacts Program and Health Spending Account (HAS). Applications and further information can be found at: www.chickasaw.net/sal/health.

If you have any questions regarding the council, please contact either Kim: 503-819-3097, Rena: jayjay17@centurytel.net or Michelle: lavenderrows@msn.com. Next meeting details

are listed below.

On behalf of the Chickasaw Nation and your advising committee, the Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council wishes you all a safe, fun and glorious holiday season. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Next Meeting (Potluck):
Saturday, February 6 at 1:30-5pm - Oak Room
Marshall Community Center (Luepke Senior Center)
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Guest Speaker: TBD

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Tribal Head Start students celebrate Chickasaw culture

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start Department sponsored a Cultural Preservation Day for Chickasaw Nation Head Start students November 20 at the First Baptist Church in Sulphur, Okla.

Head Start students from the Ada, Ardmore, Madill and Tishomingo were in attendance. Students experienced activities and games focused on Chickasaw culture, history and traditions including archery and blowgun demonstrations, Chickasaw language activities and partaking in a pashofa snack.

Other educational activities included demonstrations on dental hygiene and nutritional snacks. A "Reading is FUNdamental" book selection booth was available for children to pick out books to take home. The students also experienced Chickasaw culture through a dance demonstration by the Chickasaw Dance Troupe.

For more information about the Head Start program, contact Danny Wells at (580) 421-7711.

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Waylon Cotanny talks to a group of Ardmore Head Start students during an archery demonstration at Cultural Preservation Day. Front row from left, Kadense Love, Takayah Jackson and Melanie Lopez. Back row from left, Corrie Brown and Kassie Burns.

Child Care Thanksgiving luncheon



Jonathan Fulsom enjoys lunch with his two-year-old son Shane during a Child Care Thanksgiving luncheon Wednesday, November 18.



Pete Fox assists Ada Head Start student Trenity Duvall during the turtle toss game at Cultural Preservation Day.

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Chickasaw student robotics team tabbed for software study

The Chickasaw Nation Metal Mayhem robotics team has recently been selected to participate in a new and intriguing study.

The members of Metal Mayhem will be a 2010 Dartfish Software Evaluation Team. The team will evaluate Dartfish video editing software. Only 56 of the more than 3,000 For Inspiration of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotic teams in the world were selected to participate in this project.

As evaluators, team members will put the software to the test and evaluate the technology. Metal Mayhem's findings will assist in determining if Dartfish will be used throughout the FIRST organization.

"Metal Mayhem has worked very hard during the LEGO league season

and here is the team's chance to tell its story to the FIRST community," said science, technology and math lead engineer Stan Townsend.

Metal Mayhem members assist LEGO league teams prepare for robotics tournament play. As an evaluation team, Metal Mayhem members used the Dartfish software to edit and produce a short video of Metal Mayhem assisting LEGO teams.

Metal Mayhem is also required to participate in online training sessions, complete an evaluation form and post evaluation results on the FIRST Dartfish forum. Dartfish is advanced technology



used throughout the world for video editing and analysis for digital video.

"The overall goal of the video is to demonstrate the working relationship among the robotics teams and LEGO teams to show

the positive impact the older students have on the younger students," said science, technology and math manager Sara Willie.

Metal Mayhem is attending the 2010 FIRST Robotics Kickoff January 9, 2010 in Stillwater, Okla. During the kickoff, the students will learn the new game theme for season tournament play, receive a kit of parts to build a robot and

begin the first day of the robotic build season.

Throughout the year, Metal Mayhem participates in a number of community service projects. Community involvement is an important piece of the FIRST program.

Community service projects completed in 2009 include Annual Reading Day at the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center; Neal Shusterman Day at Pontotoc Technology Center; and the Ada Thanksgiving Community Dinner. The team has several other community service projects it will conduct in 2010.

For more information about Metal Mayhem and LEGO league, contact Sara Willie at (580) 421-7711.

CONTRIBUTED BY Brooke Tidwell, Public Affairs

Leadership students study meaningful community work

Getting involved to make positive changes for the future was the overall theme of November's Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi (Creating Chickasaw Leaders) session.

Bob Donaho, president of Davis, Okla., Chamber of Commerce, spoke to 22 members of the Chickasaw youth leadership program concerning several issues and how they can get involved to make a positive impact.

The theme of the session was "Leadership in Your Community."

During his talk, Mr. Donaho touched on a wide variety of key issues facing the youth, including America's dependence on foreign oil, water shortages and global warming.

He also explained that the decisions made in Washington, D.C. impacted their daily lives, and stressed the importance of having courage to make important changes.

When asked what she learned during the session, Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi member Devin Lyon said, "Today, Mr. Donaho taught me that global warming is very important to know and is a very real thing, and it is our responsibility to inform others about Earth's ecologic problems, to keep these things under control and save our world."

The Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi leadership program, which means "Creating Chickasaw



Latta student Devin Lyon, left, and Byng student Bailee Hatton at November's Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi session, conducted Nov. 14 in Ada.

Leaders," is designed to prepare Chickasaw youth to be future tribal leaders.

The second year of the program started in October with a tent-camping retreat.

Some of the planned topics during the 2009-2010 session include a small business session, a writer's workshop, college day, ethics, and job opportunities, among others.

Devin, a returning leadership student from Latta, said she was looking forward to having fun with her peers this year and learning leadership skills that would benefit her in her adult life.

"I know when I turn 18 I want to be able to go out on my own and know what to expect and

how to handle it all," she said.

For the year ahead, Devin said she was looking forward to all the activities the group is scheduled to do.

"I am really excited," she said. "This is a great program to be a part of. The sessions are great and the youth specialists are always there when you need them."

New member Cyenoa Cummings, of Tishomingo, said she was eager to meet new people and learn new things this year.

Attending the November session were Marlee Erwin, Micah Hart, Aaron John, Maegan "Gi Gi" Bridgman, Laura Ash, Devin Lyon, Caleb McDonald, Autumn Underwood, Cyenoa



Davis, Okla. Chamber of Commerce President Bob Donaho speaks to member of Chikashsha Apihchi Ikbi about important issues during the group's November session.

Cummings, Stephen Campbell, Kayla Gamble, Samie Walker, Dylan Richardson, Shelby Parnacher, Catie Newport, Brandon Hill, Lori Barrett, Kash Smith, Paige Wilson, Reide Wilson, Zack Stepps and Bailee Hatton.

The group's next meeting is Dec. 12 in Ada. The program will focus on Chickasaw culture.

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Hudspeth, tribal media relations.

About the Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program...

Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi Program members meet one Saturday a month for 12 months.

Chickasaw students ages 14-18 who reside in the state of Oklahoma are eligible for the program. Applications are accepted year-round.

During the year, members will also participate in community service activities and tour various tribal headquarters in Oklahoma. A final out-of-state trip is planned at the culmination of the program.

For more information about the program, contact Tonya Bierce, youth leadership coordinator at (580) 310-6620 or email tonya.bierce@chickasaw.net.

October 2009 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Taylor Brooks

Taylor, daughter of Gary and Shelly Brooks, of Mansfield, Texas, is an October 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Academics.



Taylor Brooks

Taylor is in the seventh grade at Worley Middle School in Mansfield, Texas, and was nominated by counselor Ms. Jennifer Castillo.

"Taylor received a letter from Duke University for the 30th Anniversary of the seventh grade talent search sponsored by the Duke University Talent Search program," said Ms. Castillo.

Taylor achieved all As in fifth and sixth grade and participated in the choir program. She has won awards in math and language as well as a high GPA award.

Taylor enjoys shopping, texting, reading, playing games and sleeping.

"I plan to make As all the way through high school and attend college," said Taylor.

Amanda Carney

Amanda, daughter of Richard and Angie Carney, of Ardmore, Okla., is an October 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Leadership.



Amanda Carney

Amanda is a freshman at Ardmore High School and was nominated by Native American education coordinator Deana Craighead.

"Upon Amanda's arrival at Ardmore High School, she has emerged as a leader," said Ms. Craighead. "She is such an asset to the Native American Club, Ardmore High and the Chickasaw Nation."

Amanda is a member of the Native American Dream Catchers Club and the Chickasaw Dance Troupe. She was the 2008 Junior Dream Catchers Princess.

Amanda's favorite class is computer technology and she enjoys playing soccer.

"My future goals are to attend college and study graphic design and photography," said Amanda.

Randis Gray

Randis, son of Wayne Gray and Dana McCurry, of Ada, Okla., is an October 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics.



Randis Gray

Randis is in the third grade at Latta Elementary and was nominated by third grade teacher Ms. Scarlett Barton.

"Randis is an outstanding citizen as well as a great student," said Ms. Barton. "He always does what he should and makes appropriate decisions."

Randis likes math and science and enjoys reading, listening to stories, playing sports, riding horses and roping.

"When I grow up, I want to play major league baseball," said Randis.

Christopher Little

Christopher, son of Leslie and Chuck Little, of Longmont, Colo., is an October 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Academics.



Christopher Little

Christopher is junior at Longmont High School and was nominated by Principal Rick Olsen.

Christopher has been on the Honor Roll each high school semester and has earned As in advanced placement chemistry as well as a Principal's award for a 4.0 GPA. He is certified in CPR and Automatic External Defibrillators. Christopher is also a certified life guard.

Christopher enjoys skiing, football, basketball, tennis, snowboarding, baseball and walking his dog.

Corey Little

Corey, son of Leslie and Chuck Little, of Longmont, Colo., is an October 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Athletics.



Corey Little

Corey is a freshman at Longmont High School and was nominated by Ms. Marie Huff.

"Corey has proven to me that he is willing to work hard and commit himself to being an important part of the swim

team," said Ms. Huff. "He is enthusiastic even during the toughest workouts."

Corey enjoys playing soccer and basketball as well as swimming. He has obtained certifications in CPR, first aid and Automatic External Defibrillators. Corey is also a certified life guard. He was nominated to participate in an Indigenous Alliance Computer Build and was awarded the People to People Ambassador award.

"In college, I want to train to be a pilot and obtain a bachelor's degree in engineering," said Corey.

Ashley Long

Ashley, daughter of Edward and Laura Long, of Oologah, Okla., is an October 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Gymnastics.

Ashley is a junior at Oologah High School and was nominated by Ms. Bartow.

"Ashley is an upper-level gymnast that practices six days a week and four hours and 30 minutes a day on top of her high school class schedule," said Ms. Bartow.

Ashley is an honor student and has been a gymnast since she was six years old. She was awarded an Oklahoma All-State gymnast award and several outstanding accomplishment awards.

"My goals are to graduate high school with a high GPA and obtain a college scholarship to participate in gymnastics for a top university," said Ashley.



Ashley Long

Nathan Morgan

Nathan, son of Elizabeth McKoy Morgan, of Lake Forest, Calif., is an October 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Music.

Nathan is in the fourth grade at Moulton Elementary School in Laguna Niguel, Calif., and was nominated by Ms. Ann Ludwig.

"In February, Nathan was chosen to perform in the school district's honor orchestra," said Ms. Ludwig. "He was one of four to represent his school from a class of 74."

Nathan is a member of the cub scouts. He enjoys play-

ing the violin, soccer and lacrosse.

Nicholas Morgan

Nicholas, son of Elizabeth McKoy Morgan, of Lake Forest, Calif., is an October 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Music.



Nicholas Morgan

Nicholas is in the eighth grade at Serrano Intermediate School in Lake Forest, Calif., and was nominated by Mark Petrash.

Nicholas is a Life Scout and is working towards the rank of Eagle Scout. He plays the trumpet in advanced band and jazz band. Nicholas has maintained a 4.0 for three trimesters in eighth grade. He has also had perfect attendance for five years.

Nicholas enjoys playing soccer, lacrosse, running cross country and participating in BMX racing.

Sesiley Robertson

Sesiley, daughter of Rick Robertson and Clarise Culberson, of Ada, Okla., is an October 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award in Citizenship.



Sesiley Robertson

Sesiley is a sophomore at Latta High School and was nominated by math teacher James McDaniel.

"Sesiley has a great attitude and works tirelessly on assignments," said Mr. McDaniel. "She improves and makes progress everyday."

Sesiley was crowned Little Miss Chickasaw Princess in 2004 and has won first place in the Chickasaw Centennial Essay Contest. Her favorite subject in school is family and consumer science.

Sesiley is involved in softball, basketball and track. She enjoys swimming, working and playing with animals, writing poetry, exercising and being with friends and family.

"My future goals include living a Christian life, graduating from high school, attending college and receiving a bachelor's degree in nursing," said Sesiley.



JJ Stewart

JJ Stewart

JJ Stewart, daughter of Mike and Jana Stewart, of Roff, Okla., is an October 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award Overall.

JJ is a sophomore at Roff High School and was nominated by Ms. Allison Shannon.

"JJ is an extremely intelligent student who works hard and is completely committed to her education," said Ms. Shannon. "She truly cares about her achievements and that makes my job easier."

JJ has won awards in business math, algebra, computer fundamentals, the Ada Recycling Essay Contest and the Chickasaw Essay Contest. She is a member of student council, the BETA club, the Oklahoma Honor Society and the Oklahoma Indian Honor Society.

JJ enjoys playing sports, attending church events and spending time with her friends.

"My future plans involve attending college and becoming a physician's assistant," said JJ.



Taylor Weems

Taylor Weems

Taylor, daughter of Michael and Loraine Weems, of Ada, Okla., is an October 2009 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award Overall.

Taylor is in the seventh grade at Latta Junior High and was nominated by Ms. Cristin Miller.

"Taylor is a hard working, respectful young woman," said Ms. Miller. "I enjoy having Taylor in class."

Taylor's favorite subject is science. She is a member of the Chickasaw Nation LEGO league. She likes to read scary books, play basketball, dance, sing and spend time with family and friends.

"My future plan is to be a teacher," said Taylor.

'Go Red for Women' fair, lunch set for Feb. 20

In an effort to raise awareness about the effects of heart disease in women, the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health and Ada's Valley View Regional

Hospital will co-host the "Go Red for Women" Ada Heart Fair, Fashion Show and Luncheon from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, February 20, 2010 at

the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 700 N. Mississippi in Ada.

Participants will receive educational materials regarding women and heart disease. In addition, free give away items will also be available.

Those who are interested in reducing their risk for developing heart disease should plan to attend this special event.

For more information, please contact Barbara Quinlan at (580) 421-4533.

CONTRIBUTED BY Karissa Pickett, Public Affairs

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By Anona McCullar

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For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ada Family Life/Wellness Center, 229 W. Seabrook

December 9: 10 a.m. and noon

December 10: 6 p.m.

January 6: 10 a.m. and noon

January 13: 10 a.m. and noon

January 14: 6 p.m.

For more information, call (580) 272-5506.

Ardmore Nutrition Services, 2350 Chickasaw Blvd.

December 8: 10 a.m. and noon

December 9: 10 a.m. and noon

January 5: 10 a.m. and noon

January 6: 10 a.m. and noon

January 12: 10 a.m. and noon

January 13: 10 a.m. and noon

For more information, call (580) 226-8289.

Purcell Nutrition Services, 1530 Hardcastle Blvd.

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the "Speak Up" Program which is a national campaign to encourage patients to be informed and take an active role in communicating with their health care team.

Visit www.chicresources.net

Central Texas
Community Council



Charles Holland, his daughter Crimson and grandson Elan Jimenez, provides a Blessing, Smudging and Tobacco offering at the Picnic Pavilion where the Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas hosted its Annual Council Picnic.

The Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas conducted its Annual Council Picnic and the last 2009 Council Meeting on November 8, 2009. Prior to the blessing of the food, Charles Holland and his family conducted an Indian Blessing, Smudging and To-

bacco Offering at the Picnic Pavilion in the new Bee Cave Central Park. Although the rains came, many of the Council members came and shared a meal of home made dishes, Pashofa and desserts while visiting with friends and talking about all the wonderful events of the last Annual Festival and Business Meetings. Plans were discussed about the Chickasaw Naming Ceremony and the traditional manner of selecting Chickasaw names. The Naming Ceremony will be a joint meeting with the Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas and will occur in the early part of 2010.

Arizona
Community Council

On Saturday, November 14 a group of 70 people conducted its first quarterly meeting in downtown Phoenix, Ariz., at

the Hyatt Phoenix Hotel. Mr. Beaman Wisdom from Prescott offered the invocation in Chickasaw. Ms Angie Ott from Mesa was introduced as the organizing person for this group and she will serve as the contact person for future meetings. Our speaker was Ms. Sandi Sanders, Director of Tribal Health Services for the Chickasaw Nation who explained the health programs provided to Chickasaw citizens. We are very grateful to Ms. Sanders for the information that was beneficial to many of us and we look forward to the next presentation from the Nation. The next meeting will be held sometime in February 2010. Watch *the Chickasaw Times* for the exact date and location. If you were unable to attend this meeting and need further information email Sharon Nelson at Sharon.nelson1@chickasaw.net or call 1-800-593-3356.

Elders' Day



Susan Webb, Education Specialist for the Chickasaw Nation Department of Museums and Historic Sites, explains a Council House Museum exhibit to elders from the Chickasaw Nation Connerville Senior Center. The museum hosted Elders' Day Nov. 12 to celebrate both the tribe's elders and commemorate Native American Heritage Month.

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November 2-December 11, (580) 310-6620

Elders Christmas Luncheon
December 18, (580) 622-2888

Chipota Chikashshanompoli
(Chickasaw language club for children ages three to 12)
December 19, (580) 272-5540

Winter Lock-In
(Children ages 10-18)
January 8-9, (580) 272-5551

Chipota Chikashshanompoli
(Chickasaw language club for children ages three to 12)
January 16, (580) 272-5540

CONNERVILLE
Connerville Area Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, (580) 421-4994

KINGSTON
Chickasaws of Texoma Community Council
4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, (580) 564-6803

- Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, (580) 564-4570

NEWCASTLE
Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Todd Griffith, (405) 615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY
OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Linda O'Hagan, (405) 350-3311

PURCELL
Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
John Hobbs, (405) 922-3926

TISHOMINGO
Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, (580) 371-3351

Christmas at the Museum
December 11, (580) 371-3351

CALIFORNIA
Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Chickasaw Outreach 866-466-1481

Sacramento Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Chickasaw Outreach 866-466-1481

- COLORADO
Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Quarterly Meetings
Stephen Bingham, (303) 377-4637

KANSAS
Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
3rd Sunday at 3:00 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, (316) 945-9219 or Pam Harjo, (316) 393-0696

NEW MEXICO
New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly Meetings
Vadare Cornelison, (505) 332-1776

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Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly meetings
Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS
Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
San Antonio, TX Area
Michele Moody, (210) 492-2288

Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
Austin, Texas Area
2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
Gene Thompson, (512) 258-7919

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX
3rd Saturday at 2:00 p.m.
John C. Atkins, (972) 271-0692

1799: A year that heralded epic changes

BY RICHARD GREEN | CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Piomingo

Piomingo was dying. Though he was probably not yet 50 years old, and had a warrior's strong constitution, he was into the final stage of his life on earth. As a hopayi (prophet), he probably knew that he would not survive this tribulation.

His status as prophet was conferred through his Chickasaw name, Hopayi' Minko', according to John Dyson, language specialist with the Nation. The English, he said, mispronounced the name as "PIE-o-min-go," which later became "Piomingo."

The changes in his name reflect the modifications in tribal society that resulted from non-Indian contact throughout his lifetime. When he was born about 1750 in a portion of the settlement of Chokkilissa (now in north Tupelo, MS), the French and English had been at war in the lower Mississippi River Valley for most of the century. They were replaced, in effect, in the 1780s by newer competitors, the Americans and Spanish.

We don't know when Piomingo became mortally ill, but documents indicate it was after October 1798 and no later than early 1799, according to historian James Atkinson. Since the Chickasaws were not at war, Piomingo's affliction was more likely an infectious disease.

Still, it would be ironic if the lethal pathogens had spread to Piomingo from the Americans. While diseases borne by white people had swept through settlements, killing many Chickasaws during his lifetime, Piomingo had survived periodic, prolonged contact with Americans, and to a lesser extent, Spanish officials. As the tribal leader of the pro-American faction, he met with them beginning in 1782 and often throughout the 1790s, including meetings with President George Washington (see my article in the July 2009 Chickasaw Times).

No account of his death is known to exist. This is understandable because Chickasaw spiritual beliefs precluded talk of an individual's death and "potential chroniclers were not privy to the event," says the tribe's Director of Cultural Education and Outreach, Joshua Hinson. But if Piomingo had contracted one of the increasingly common infectious diseases, he would have had a high fever, either been bathed in sweat or racked with chills, and experienced bouts of coughing and labored breathing as the end neared.

An alikche (Chickasaw doctor) would have been present at Piomingo's house on the prominent ridge top in the Chokka' falaa' (Long Town) settlement, in what is now the southeastern part of Tupelo, Mississippi. By that time, the healer knew his medicine could not save the chief. But, he was doing what he could to ease him into the journey beyond death.

Keeping vigil would have been his family members' responsibility, and there's no way to know how large a group that would have been. A war chief often had more than one wife, and children by each, but American and Spanish chroniclers did not provide such personal details. In 1859, historian A.W. Putnam wrote that Piomingo's wife was Molletulla, and that Piomingo had one son, Batterboo; these spellings are approximations that in all likelihood are not very proximate.

We know Piomingo also had a daughter because—in an intriguing footnote provided by Atkinson—the chief had asked the U.S. secretary of war to arrange to teach her (unnamed) to read and write English. Before the secretary would agree to this favor to one of

America's staunchest allies, he wanted to know from his staff how much the lessons would cost.

Rather than dwell on this insulting response, it is more interesting and productive to underscore that Piomingo asked the Americans to teach his daughter to read and write in English, not his son or other male relations. What role did Piomingo have in mind for his daughter? If we knew, we might have insight into his thinking about the tribe's relationship with the Americans during what turned out to be a crucial span of years.

Surely, he wanted her to play some role in negotiating with the Americans. It may seem far-fetched, but it's possible that Piomingo planned or hoped to make his daughter his successor. Or more likely, perhaps he wanted her to be with the Colbert brothers' diplomatic team. Unfortunately, this thread of history ends there, for the literature reveals nothing more of the girl.

In his house, Piomingo had been prepared for death, his hair anointed with oil and his face painted. He may have lingered for a time, perhaps awaiting a final sunrise or sunset. Eventually, he drifted off, as his mortal life ebbed away and his heart stopped.

Women's wailing would pierce the air along that Chokka' Falaa' ridge top. Although customary, this wailing could also serve as a metaphor for the passing of an era, called the "twilight of the full bloods" by historian Arrell M. Gibson in his book, *The Chickasaws*. Piomingo was buried with his favorite possessions under his house.

In 1956, during the development of a housing addition in Tupelo, Mississippi, a grave was accidentally uncovered. According to historian Atkinson, the grave contained, among other things, a saddle, rifle, U.S. uniform coat buttons, a gold epaulet, several large silver ornaments and a Washington Peace Medal.

In a published article, Atkinson made the case that this was Piomingo's grave; it was located in the Chokka' Falaa' settlement, where the chief was known to have lived. Also, we know Piomingo received a Washington Peace Medal and an American officer's uniform. However, a few other chiefs, including William Colbert, had received similar items. Nevertheless, whether the grave was Piomingo's or some other chief's, the grave objects would have likely been similar.

The important point here is that the contents were emblematic of the period: as the 18th century was ending, so were even more traditional Chickasaw practices and beliefs. Furthermore, the preponderance of American military material in the grave reflected a strong allegiance to America and things American. Piomingo passed along this sense of loyalty to the Americans to his successors, the Colberts, even while unbeknownst to him, influential American officials were making plans to secure Indian lands east of the Mississippi.

During Piomingo's last years, it is clear that he was opposed to any land cessions to the United States. Regrettably, it is impossible to know if he thought this was a realistic goal on the cusp of the 19th century.

George Washington

George Washington also died in 1799, and like Piomingo, he, too, died prematurely, in the sense that his death was not due to ailments associated with old age. He had been out of office since March 1797, but he still had enormous influence politically—if he wished to use it—more so than anyone in the young

United States, including his successor as president, John Adams.

I mention Washington's death because his successors, Adams and Thomas Jefferson, did not share the belief of Washington and his secretary of war, Henry Knox, that the federal government should guarantee the political and geographic integrity of Indian homelands located east of the Mississippi River. This was a vision, according to historian Joseph Ellis, in which westward expansion could coexist with what they called Indian enclaves or homelands. The "wave of white settlements would be required to bypass these Indian enclaves," Ellis wrote, and then over the course of the next century, tribal members could be gradually assimilated into American society.

On the other hand, Jefferson particularly advocated a strategy of using factories (trading posts) to extend credit to tribal members, knowing that individual debts could only be repaid by the tribes through land cessions. This plan worked well, and by 1805, the Chickasaws were forced to make their first land cession to the United States.

No one can say if Washington would have spent time in his retirement lobbying for the more humane approach to Indian affairs. But he had the political muscle and capital to try to alter the "indebtedness-to-removal" strategy. Without his potential potent advocacy, there was no one else with the political clout and moral vision to block the sequence of events that took place between the Jefferson and Andrew Jackson administrations.

Wolf's Friend

Another powerful Chickasaw chief who was apparently out of the picture by 1799 was identified most often as "Wolf's Friend" in American and Spanish records. Non-Indians spelled his Chickasaw name most often as Ugulayacabe, which doesn't translate to anything in Chickasaw. Chickasaw language specialist Dyson believes the name non-Indians were hearing was Oklayakabi', a contraction of Okla ayaka' abi', meaning "Destroyer of Many Towns."

Obviously a war chief of some renown, Wolf's Friend was described as a large, dignified looking man. At a conference in 1792, he wore a "scarlet coat with silver lace and carried a large crimson silk umbrella." Those snippets are what the written record reveals about the war chief's personal appearance.

He had been Piomingo's rival throughout the 1780s and 1790s. While Piomingo signed an alliance with the Americans at Hopewell in 1786, Wolf's Friend had signed a treaty with the Spanish at Mobile in 1784. In 1792, one American wrote that Wolf's Friend was a "great man," and "in council, ranks among the first of his nation."

His counterpart with the Creeks, William McGillivray, was even more pro-Spanish and anti-American, to the point of instigating hostilities with tribal factions that opposed him, particularly Piomingo's. Furthermore, Wolf's Friend and his followers fed clandestine reports about Piomingo and American agents to McGillivray. Did this make the Chickasaw chiefs enemies? Apparently not, in that there was no evidence suggesting the possibility of a Chickasaw civil war. Furthermore, chiefs could only persuade tribal members, not coerce them.

While Wolf's Friend was a Spanish partisan, he was respected by some Americans. James Robertson, for-

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mer American agent to the Chickasaws, wrote that Wolf's Friend was "one of the greatest and [most] influential characters in the Chickasaw Nation," and that he led "three-fourths of the Nation"

This was undoubtedly a factual exaggeration to make a point, but Wolf's Friend had American friends. His biggest problem turned out to be that he picked the wrong side; by 1795, the Spanish, through the Treaty of San Lorenzo, officially recognized the southern and western boundaries of the United States as the 31st parallel and the Mississippi River. Thus, the treaty allowed the United States to gain unfettered access to the area including the future states of Mississippi and Alabama.

This left Wolf's Friend as the leader of a group without an ally or a cause. But because he never cut his ties to the Americans, he was able to pay a visit to President John Adams at the President's House in Philadelphia in October 1798. He was probably making a bid to replace Piomingo, who was probably ill and may have been near death.

The visit was encouraged by influential Americans, including Robertson. While admitting that Wolf's Friend had been "deeply caressed by another government [Spain] ..." he "was determined to be at peace with the United States."

The chief was accompanied to Philadelphia by others, including Chief George Colbert, who with his brother and fellow chief, William, had been gaining influence and authority within the tribe in recent years. Unfortunately, no transcript of the meeting is known to exist. So we can't say with certainty that it was at this meeting with President Adams, as Atkinson writes, that the Americans realized that the "key to future political subjugation of the tribe was through certain influential mixed bloods [the Colberts]."

But we do know that afterward Wolf's Friend no longer appears in the American records, while they suggest that George Colbert had become the first among equals in the American estimation. As with Piomingo, we have no first-hand record of the death of Wolf's Friend. However, Malcolm McGee, the long-time Chickasaw interpreter, told an interviewer in 1841 that Wolf's Friend lost his influence after the Spanish departed from their fort on Chickasaw Bluffs (today's Memphis, Tennessee) in 1797. Shortly after visiting the president in Philadelphia, McGee said, Wolf's Friend shot himself.

Almost as an afterthought, McGee added that the chief had long suffered "from the gravel," an archaic reference to kidney stones. Thus, McGee leaves us wondering if Wolf's Friend killed himself because he had lost influence with tribal members or to relieve his physical suffering.

Trends for the 19th Century

In the late 1790s, Chickasaw and Choctaw agent Samuel Mitchell advised the Indians to leave their villages and disperse across the prairie in order to raise crops and livestock. By 1799, he reported that a number of mixed-blood people had done just that. This constituted the most significant change in tribal settlement patterns in the 18th century.

Most prominent among them was the tribe's new leader, George Colbert. In addition, he and his brother Levi moved from the Chukka' Falaa' area in 1799 to establish a ferry where the Natchez Trace crossed the Tennessee River. Moving away from the traditional village settlements in time would result in changes in the way Chickasaws lived. At the beginning of the 19th century, a white physician, Rush Nutt, traveling through Chickasaw country wrote that the Indians

"are falling off from their former customs & habits very fast, as they are fast mixing with the whites. They begin to eat as much as the whites & be fond of the luxuries of life. The women have exchanged their little hoes & skin aprons for spring wheels, & home manufactured cloth. The men have laid down their gun & tomahawk & taken up the implements of husbandry."

With such sweeping changes in motion, Christian missionaries believed that the Indians would be more receptive to their teachings. In June 1799, the Presbyterians sent a young Yale graduate, the Reverend Joseph Bullen, to investigate the possibility of establishing a mission among the Chickasaws. He talked with their leaders, surveyed their needs, and "preached several sermons to an attentive but uncomprehending audience," according to historian Arrell Gibson.

Although Chickasaws had had contact with the English for a century, very few spoke English, and according to John Dyson, changes to the Chickasaw language probably had been minimal.

Bullen reported back to his superiors, then moved his family to Chickasaw country. According to his journals, he and his son taught reading and writing to some children in their homes and conveyed Christian doctrines through interpreters. Malcolm McGee, Chickasaw interpreter, advised him to begin talking with the African slaves who spoke English and Chickasaw and had influence with full bloods.

He didn't report on the success of this strategy, but did note that the favorite subjects of the Chickasaws were "history of creation and Noah's flood." He also wrote that the women seemed more receptive than the men.

With what must have been limited success, Bullen departed for good in 1803. It would be nearly 20 years before Christian missionaries returned "to do battle with tribal gods," as Gibson put it, but come they would, building on the trail blazed by Bullen,

offering Christian ministry, education, and English lessons for the new era.

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2. Nancy Elliott 620 Ann Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-5485	2. Connie Barker 509 SW 7th Ave. Marietta, OK 73448 (580) 276-5420	2. Tim Colbert P.O. Box 773 Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 993-2818
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4. Dean McManus 5980 CR 3430 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 759-3407	4. Shana Tate Hammond 1606 Southern Hills Dr. Ardmore, OK 73401 (580) 220-7361	<u>Panola District</u> Seat # 1. Beth Alexander Box 246 Achille, OK 74720 (580) 283-3409 bethalexander22@hotmail.com
5. Mary Jo Green 2000 E. 14th Place Ada, OK 74820 (580) 332-2394		

LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

**CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
October 16, 2009**

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Holly Easterling, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Michael Watson, Wilma P. Stout Watson, Michael L. Wingo

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairperson Briggs announced the floor was open for nominations for Chairperson. Ms. Barker nominated Holly Easterling and Ms. Case nominated Beth Alexander. Secret ballot were cast and counted. Holly Easterling received 9 votes, Beth Alexander 3 votes, and one abstention. Ms. Easterling was declared Chairperson.

Nominations were open for Secretary. Ms. Barker nominated Linda Briggs and Ms. Case nominated Beth Alexander. Secret ballot were cast and counted. Linda Briggs received 9 votes, Beth Alexander 3 votes, and one abstention. Ms. Briggs was declared Secretary.

Chairperson Easterling welcomed the new Legislators, Shana Hammond and Nancy Elliott.

Chairperson Easterling nominated Doretta Sellers to serve as Recording Secretary and Harold Stick to serve as Sergeant-At-Arms. Ms. Briggs and Mr. Tim Colbert affirmed the nominations and all members were in agreement.

AGENDA ITEM #5 READING OF MINUTES - September 18, 2009

October 1, 2009

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. McManus to approve the September 18, 2009 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

13 yes votes

The motion to approve the September 18, 2009 minutes carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert and seconded by Ms. Green to approve the October 1, 2009 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

13 yes votes

The motion to approve the October 1, 2009 minutes carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #6 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

**AGENDA ITEM #7 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods**

General Resolution Number 27-004, Acknowledg-

ment of Formation of Global Gaming LSP, LLC

This resolution acknowledges the formation of Global Gaming LSP, LLC by Global Gaming Solutions, LLC as a for profit limited liability company formed under the laws of the State of Texas without sovereign immunity for the purpose of operating a horse race track and pari-mutuel betting operation in Grand Prairie, Texas. This resolution repeals, rescinds and replaces GR26-071 enacted by the Legislature on August 21, 2009. This resolution amends the language "casino" in GR26-071 to "pari-mutuel betting operation." This resolution is declared as Emergency Legislation because the amended language is needed immediately for the negotiations of Global Gaming Solutions LSP, LLC to purchase Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, Texas.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR 27-004.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-004 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

No report.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 27-003, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC, Mr. David Woerz

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. David Woerz to the Board of Directors of Global Gaming Solutions, LLC. Mr. Woerz will fill the second of three (3) seats of the limited liability company which was organized in the state of Delaware on October 22, 2007. Mr. Woerz will fill an unexpired three-year term of office ending on November 1, 2012.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. McManus to table GR27-003 and refer back to committee.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

12 yes votes

Member abstaining:

David Woerz

1 abstention

The motion to table GR27-003 and refer back to committee carried.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair David Woerz

General Resolution Number 27-001, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Garvin County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property located in Davis, Garvin County, Oklahoma to be utilized as additional space to support the Visitors Center.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. McManus to approve GR 27-001.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-001 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 27-002, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, to be utilized as additional space to support the McSwain Theater.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR 27-002.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR27-002 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woerz concluded his report.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Pro Tempore Connie Barker

Permanent Resolution Number 27-001, Amendments to Title 2 and Title 7 of the Chickasaw Code (Education and Education Programs)

This resolution approve amendments to Title 2 and Title 7 of the Chickasaw Code that would allow education to be managed by tribal policy. This change is beneficial to the Chickasaw Nation because it allows the policies and procedures related to education to be more responsive, which facilitates greater efficiency and will enhance the ability of the education programs to meet the needs of the citizens they serve in a proactive, timely and responsive manner.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Woerz to approve PR 27-001.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

13 yes votes

The motion to approve PR27-001 carried unanimously.

Ms. Barker concluded her report.

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green.

No report.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Scott Colbert

No report.

(H) **COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Tim Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number PR26-011, Establishment of the Chickasaw Nation Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act

Title 17, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code is amended to establish sex offender registration and notification requirements and procedures for the Chickasaw Nation. There are currently no criminal or civil sex offender registration and notification ordinances established for the Chickasaw Nation. There is a need to establish such ordinances to require sex offenders who reside in, are employed in, or attend school in Indian Country within the territorial jurisdiction of the Chickasaw Nation to register with the Chickasaw Nation and to keep the public informed regarding sexual offenders in our jurisdiction. Having elected to function as a registration jurisdiction, the Chickasaw Nation bears the responsibility of imple-

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menting sex offender registration and notification decisions and must become substantially compliant with the minimum requirements of the federal Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act of 2007 by July 27, 2010.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve PR 26-011.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

12 yes votes

Member abstaining: Scott Colbert

1 abstention

The motion to approve PR26-011 carried.

Mr. Tim Colbert concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #8 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Chairperson Easterling presented a plaque and a Pendleton blanket to Ms. Briggs for her two years of service as Legislative Chairperson.

Mr. Mike Watson congratulated the Chairperson for her election and welcomed the newly elected Legislators. He made comments regarding changing the Legislative session date to Saturday afternoon so more citizens could attend, and amend the gaming compact so per capita payments could be made to citizens.

AGENDA ITEM #9 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Briggs, Secretary

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting

November 16, 2009

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods

Education Committee

November 9, 2009

Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Shana Hammond, Holly Easterling

Finance Committee

November 9, 2009

Present: Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

November 16, 2009
Present: Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, David Woerz, Steve Woods

Absent: Holly Easterling

Health Care Committee

November 9, 2009

Present: Connie Barker, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Dean McManus, Holly Easterling

Human Resources Committee

November 9, 2009

Present: Dean McManus, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Scott Colbert, David Woerz, Holly Easterling

Land Development Committee

November 9, 2009

Present: David Woerz, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

Legislative Committee

November 9, 2009

Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Connie Barker, Dean McManus, Shana Hammond, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert, Nancy Elliott

Absent: Tim Colbert

NOVEMBER 2009 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 27-005

Approval of Development Budget Amendment

Tishomingo Head Start Storm Shelter

Explanation: The Chickasaw Nation provides nurturing and educational services to children through the Chickasaw Nation Head Start program. To ensure the safety and welfare of these children and the employees charged with their care, a storm shelter needs to be constructed on the site of the Chickasaw Nation Head Start program in Tishomingo. The location in southern Oklahoma designates the area as high risk for severe thunderstorms including tornadoes. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has designated funding to be utilized to construct storm shelters in these high risk areas. The Chickasaw Nation Head Start in Tishomingo is eligible to receive grant funds to construct the storm shelter.

Presented by: Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 27-006

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma, described as

The West half of Lot 2 and all of Lots 3, 4, and 5 in Block 158,

AND All of Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, and the West 69 feet of Lot 2 in Block 173,

AND All of Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 in Block 174,

All of the above lots being in the Original Townsite of Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Property Location: 901 Division Street, Sulphur Oklahoma

Use: To be utilized for future economic development.

Presented By:Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 27-007

Authorization for Chickasaw Nation Division of Health to Apply for National Institutes of Health (NIH) Grant - Building Sustainable Community-Linked Infrastructure to Enable Health Science Research

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health to apply for an NIH grant. This grant is intended to be used to support the development, expansion or reconfiguration of infrastructure needed to facilitate collaboration between academic health centers and community-based organizations for health science research. We will be partnering with the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences

Center. Since 2000, the Chickasaw Nation has had a successful and ongoing relationship with OUHSC through other grants.

Award Information: NIH has designated up to \$30 million in FY 2009-2010 to fund 30 or more grants. The award is limited to a maximum of \$1 million for the full project period.

Methods: The Chickasaw Nation Division of Health would leverage these funds to develop infrastructure (personnel, equipment, office space) for a biomedical research department that would create productive and sustainable academic-community research partnerships that can be utilized in the future for efficiently conducting research that includes and is relevant to affected communities, and through which research findings can be disseminated in a manner that maximizes impact on the public health of the Chickasaw people.

Presented by:Health Care Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

Abstain: Katie Case,

General Resolution Number 27-008

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors

of RSE Enterprises, Inc.

Mr. Bill Lance

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Bill Lance to the Board of Directors of RSE Enterprises, Inc. Mr. Lance will fill the first of three seats on the Board of Directors of the company which was purchased by the Chickasaw Nation on May 8, 2007. Mr. Lance will fill an unexpired one-year term of office beginning upon adoption of this resolution and ending on November 1, 2010.

Presented By:Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Holly Easterling

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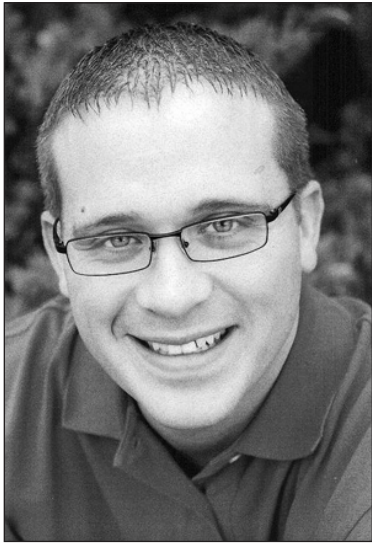
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Daniel Morgan Wyatt



Daniel Morgan Wyatt, 27, of Norman, Okla., died Oct. 25, 2009 at Ada, Okla. Services were Oct. 29, 2009 at Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel of Purcell, Okla. Interment followed in Hillside Cemetery, Purcell.

Mr. Wyatt was born May 12, 1982 at Oklahoma City to Richard Perry Wyatt and Suzanne (Spearing) Wyatt. He grew up in Norman where he graduated from high school. He attended and graduated from East Central University, Ada, with a bachelor's degree in Human Services Counseling. He was currently attending ECU and working towards his master's degree in Human Resources and Counseling.

While attending college, he worked at various jobs and was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He was proud of his Chickasaw heritage and volunteered on occasion at the Indian counseling services.

Throughout his high school and college years, he liked being with his friends and enjoying life. He was described as "he had the spirit and he always took his own path." With determination and perseverance he overcame many obstacles and helped many other people along the way. Whether it was his fraternity PKA, which he loved very much, or at one of his various jobs in Ada, he always had a smile and a life story to share. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, J.T. and Louise Wyatt; grandmother, June Wyatt; and grandfathers,

James Lee Cumbie and Ed Spearing.

He is survived by his parents, Richard and Suzanne Wyatt, of Norman; his twin sister, Rachel Wyatt, of Washington, D.C.; grandmother, Dee Spearing, of Tulsa; an aunt, Kristen Underhill and husband, Tim, of Tulsa; two uncles, David Spearing, of Tulsa, and Stephen Spearing, of San Antonio; and four cousins, Jeremy, Allen, Lauren, and Madison.

Jeri Floyd



Jeri Floyd died Nov. 13, 2009 with her family by her side. The oldest daughter of Theople Pugh and Earl Cole, she was born Oct. 28, 1932. Her maternal grandmother, Mabel Smith, was an original Chickasaw enrollee.

Services were Nov. 17, 2009 at Chapel Hill Funeral Home.

She enjoyed spending time with her large and loving family, the companionship of her Black Skirt fiends, the pride of her Chickasaw heritage, and above all, she and her husband, Jimmy, loved to attend the sporting events of all of their grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Ikey Newman.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Jim Floyd; daughters, Kathy Harr, of The Woodlands, Texas, Patty and husband, Kevin Trosper, of Edmond, Okla.; a son Tommy and wife, Lisa Floyd, of Mustang, Okla.; grandchildren, Nikki and Jonathan Dieball, Jarrett Floyd, Taylor Floyd, Sara Harr, Austin Harr, Ben Trosper and Jim Trosper; siblings, Martha Jo Shute, Doris Ann Kennedy, Smith Cole, Linda Harris and Ginger Strickland; and a lot of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Ola Mae Glass



Ola Mae Glass, 90, of Denton, Texas died Nov. 29, 2009 at Presbyterian Hospital of Denton. She was born July 21, 1919 in McClain, Okla., to C. C. and Maggie (Johnston) Marti. She was the daughter of an original enrollee of the Dawes Commission.

Per her request graveside services were conducted at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Norman, Okla., on December 2, 2009 with Rev. Cliff Feeler, officiating.

She married Arthur Glass August 30, 1941 at Davis, Okla. He died September 28, 1999.

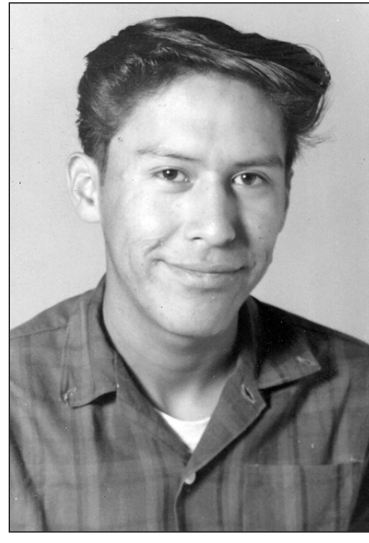
They moved to Denton in 1969, and were members of the First Baptist Church. They had owned and operated the Goldsmith Drug Store in Electra, Texas from 1949 to 1969.

Mrs. Glass is survived by a daughter, Carolyn Beth Mask and husband, Connie Mask, of Sanger, Texas; sisters, Doris Roberts, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and Alvera Walker, of Purcell, Okla.; a sister-in-law, LaVerne Loman, of Edmond, Okla.; grandchildren, Carrie Ann Sisco, of Sanger, and Douglas Mask, of Nacogdoches, Texas; great-grandchildren, Erin Sisco, of Stephenville, Texas, Amy Sisco, of Sanger, and Wesley Mask, Baleigh Mask, and Riley Mask, all of Nacogdoches.

Memorials may be made to the Charity of your choice.

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Wendell Wayne Mose



Wendell Wayne Mose, 62, died Nov. 18, 2009 at Idabel, Okla. Services were Nov. 23, 2009 at Griffin-Hillcrest Chapel. Interment followed at McMillan Cemetery.

Mr. Mose was born Dec. 29, 1946 at McMillan, Okla., to Doyle Mose and Agnes (Williams) Mose.

He attended Plainview (OK) Schools. He met and married Geraldine Underwood and worked for Larry Don Buck as a ranch hand. He enjoyed playing softball and shooting pool.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a son, Sheldon Mose; and an infant daughter.

He is survived by a son, Jackie Underwood and wife, Barbara, of Stratford, Okla.; a daughter, Charlotte Luna, of Denton, Texas; six grandchildren, Ben, J.D., Erin, and Jerry Underwood, all of Stratford, Chrissy Phipps, of Denton, Texas, and Kurt Phipps, of Ardmore, Okla.; a sister, Mary Taylor, of Ardmore; and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Craig Wallace, Darrell Wallace, Mark Joe, Keith Coley, Phil Marris and Gordy Meely.

Cindy Lou Turner



Cindy Lou Turner, 50, of Ada, Okla., died Oct. 29, 2009 at an Oklahoma City hospital. Graveside services were Nov. 2, 2009 Maxwell Cemetery with Rev. Daniel Johnson officiating.

Ms. Turner was born Nov. 14, 1958 at Madera, Calif., to Bobby K. and JoAnn Collins Lockwood.

She attended school at Riverside, Calif., and moved to the Ada area in October 2006 from Illinois.

She was a truck driver for Transwood and later worked as a home health care provider for Big Five Community Services and most recently with the I.R.T. Call Center of Ada.

She is survived by her mother, JoAnn Keenan, of Oil Center, Okla.; her father, Bobby Lockwood, of Oil Center; three sisters, Arili Foster, of Hennepin, Okla., Candace Keenan, of Ada, and Cara Hallert, of Gardnerville, Nev.; her grandmother, Lucille, Raynolds, of Ada; several aunts and uncles; and nieces and nephews, Candace Hallert, Brandi Keenan, Lance Keenan and Blake Keenan,



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The tribal Division of Housing and Tribal Development sponsors an annual Pride in Homeownership Yard Contest each Spring. This contest is open to all active participants in the Homeowners Program and runs from May through August.

Two winners are selected from the Pontotoc District, Pickens District and Panola/Tishomingo District for the Legislator Award of a month's free house payment. These winners will then advance to compete for the Lt. Governor Award of a \$50 Wal-mart gift card.

These four winners will then be eligible for the Governor's Award of a \$250 Wal-mart gift card. This selection will be made in October.

You can submit your home by calling Diana Faulkner at (580) 421-8800, or by e-mail at Diana.Faulkner@chickasaw.net. A Housing

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Tyrone Newton - Pickens District - May Winner



Tanya Anthony - Pickens District - June Winner



Johnny Miller - Pontotoc District - July Winner



Danny Williams - Pickens District - May Winner



Joshua Foraker - Pickens District - June Winner



Timothy Deatherage - Pontotoc District - July Winner



Joe D. Beshirs - Panola/Tishomingo - May Winner and winner of Governor's Award.



Kathy Eagle - Panola-Tish District - May Winner



Debbie King - Panola/Tishomingo District - June Winner



Barbara Taylor - Pickens District - July Winner



Quenna Harris - Pontotoc District - May Winner and winner of Lt. Governor's Award.



Courtney Alexander - Pontotoc District - June Winner and winner of Lt. Governor's Award.



Jodi Curry - Panola/Tishomingo District - June Winner



Ronald Colt Digby - Panola/Tishomingo District - July Winner



Jonetta Whitworth - Pontotoc District - May Winner



Travis Fryrear - Pontotoc District - June Winner



Sheila Prince - Pickens District - July Winner and Lt. Governor's Award.



Craig Billings - Panola/Tishomingo District - July Winner SEE HOME OWNERSHIP WINNERS, PAGE 28

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Phyllis Carroll - Pickens District - August Winner



Mark Willoughby - Pontotoc District - August Winner



Anthony Enriquez - Pontotoc District - August Winner



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